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To our Readers.

WE do not think that it is necessary to offer any apology to the stamp collecting community of these provinces, for bringing our little journal before them, and yet perhaps it is but meet that we should set forth our reasons for so doing. They are very easily stated, and we will endeavour to do so in as few words as possible.

We have long felt that a periodical of some kind, representing the interests of the *timbro philic* world in this quarter of the globe, was much needed; so WE CAME. And here we are kind reader before you, hoping to win your approval, dreading lest we receive your censure; and if haply we gain your approbation and patronage, we will strive not to misuse your confidence; if not we shall at least have the proud satisfaction of having done our best to serve you. If you will but stand by us we will endeavour to do the same by you to the best of our ability and power.

We believe that many persons are under the impression that stamp collecting is slowly but surely dying out, and therefore a journal of this kind is superfluous. This is a wrong idea, it is true, we admit that with many it is not quite so popular as it once was. There is a certain class in every community, who, as soon as anything new or novel is originated, seize hold of it with great avidity, and even with much seeming earnestness; they talk "large," and make a great deal of noise, and then, as soon as the excitement has worn away, they drop it as the child does the *once* delightful toy.

So it is in this case: this said class when stamp collecting commenced, both in Europe and America, went at it with somewhat more than usual eagerness, and, just as might be expected their voice was more than usually loud. The idea was so simple, and seemed so *nice and interesting*, that they wondered they had not thought of it before.

But now that they had got hold of it, they determined that it should be known; accordingly their conversation was all of "obsoletes," "old and present issues," "the last new stamp," &c. &c.; until their unwilling hearers became thoroughly disgusted—directly with them and indirectly with their subject; and thus arose an unwarranted prejudice against the postage stamp movement.

Now when the voice of these noisy ones

ceased to be heard, many who only judged of the popularity of the thing, by the amount of talking done by these self-appointed *expounders* of the movement, erroneously inferred from this circumstance that the *timbro-mania* was getting pretty well "played out."

This was decidedly a mistake; it had passed only into other and better hands; and it is these latter that have made it what it is. Stamp collecting has been completely remodelled and systematized in all its details, and is now quite an institution in almost all civilized countries. If any proof were wanting to establish this truth, we need but point to the numerous stamp publications in existence, which are devoted entirely to this subject. In England alone there are at least a score of weekly and monthly papers and magazines of this kind, and it is also well represented on the continent of Europe and in the United States. We need not mention the regular stamp dealers and agents, they are to be found in every place of any importance, in abundance. In these provinces and more especially in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, we think the trade is in the hands of too few, there is not enough of opposition—which is generally said to be the life of trade. We therefore propose to put new life into it by getting up a little more opposition. This will, we believe, work beneficially for both buyer and seller, for stamps will be sold at a lower rate, and at these more moderate prices a larger number will be disposed of. Thus, trade will be extended, and the interests of all parties will be advanced, directly or indirectly.

To those persons who have not the opportunity of seeing British or Foreign "stamp collector's" periodicals, our journal will be particularly valuable, for we intend to give a general synopsis of their contents, each month, in our columns. All new stamps will be noticed as they appear; forgeries, of which there are very many in circulation, will be duly announced and observed as correctly as possible; and in our advertizing columns will be found the names and addresses of the most enterprising and trustworthy dealers and agents.

And now, kind readers, in conclusion we respectfully solicit your continued patronage and favours, as we are determined, if possible, to make our paper one of the best of its kind; and should we receive sufficient encouragement in the way

of subscription &c., no pains shall be spared to make *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette* in point of usefulness and reliability second to no publication of a similar character in existence.

In our next number we shall have a correspondent's column; and in making this intimation, we would say that we shall answer all questions that may be asked, as far as lies in our power. Correspondence solicited.

MR. A. J. McIntosh, of Montreal, has sent us his new Price Catalogue. It contains 16 pages, and is exceedingly well got up. It gives the color and value of the stamp, as well as the price for which it may be obtained from him. Collectors will do well to secure a copy of it. The price is small when compared to that of other price lists. [See advertisement.]

Newly Issued Stamps.

PRUSSIA.—We present our readers this month with an engraving of the new Prussian 3 pfennige adhesive stamp. The design is exactly the same as the 4 pfennige green, and 6 pfennige red, which can easily be seen by comparing the three: the color being a rich mauve lilac. It is certainly a very pretty stamp.

DENMARK.—The 2 s. envelope of this country has just appeared. The color is blue.

TURKEY.—A new set of Turkish stamps have lately made their appearance. They are eleven in number; and in design and tint are very beautiful. They are all perforated, which adds greatly to their convenience; and in this respect differ much from the previous issue. Their values are, 10 paras, (green,) 20 paras, (yellow,) 1 piastre, (lilac,) 2 piastres, (blue,) 5 piastres, (pink,) 25 piastres, (red). The above are for common use throughout the Ottoman Empire. The remaining five are used in Constantinople only; 20 paras, 1 piastre, 2, 5, and 25 piastres, (brown).

VICTORIA.—The two shilling stamp has been changed. It was formerly *light green*, on a white ground; but is now *dark blue*, on a yellowish green ground.

NEW GRENADA.—A new set of stamps for New Grenada has lately been issued. There are four of them: 5 centimes, (yellow,) 10 centimes, (violet,) 20 centimes, (blue,) and 50 centimes, (green).

PROVIDENCE, R. I., FIVE CENTS.—This stamp, although not a new issue, is new to a great many of our readers. We do not think that there are more than six in the city, and it is for this reason that we put it under the

heading of "Newly-issued Stamps." It was issued by the Postmaster of Providence, R. I., in 1846. It is oblong, and printed in black, on white paper, with the words: Post Office, Prov., R. I., five cents. We learn that there is a 10 cent stamp, but not having seen it, we cannot say anything about it at present.

CANADA.—*Bancroft's City Express*, a new local for Montreal, has just made its debut. It is neatly engraved, and presents a fine appearance. The color is blue, value 5 cents, head in an oval to the right. On the left side are the words, 43 *Gt. St. James St.*, with *Montreal* on the right; value in words at top and bottom; figure five in four corners; *Bancroft's City Express* on oval border. This stamp is perforated. We have yet another local to describe before leaving this province. It is the envelope stamp of an extinct Express Company; black impression on buff paper, with the words, "Portland Express, Winslow & Co., No. 3, Place d'armes, Montreal." When we first saw this stamp we thought it was a sort of an advertisement for the Express, something like that which merchants have printed on their envelopes, with their address, &c. We then wrote on to Montreal, and ascertained, from a very reliable source, that the stamp in question was truly genuine. This is all we can say at present concerning this stamp. Any of our readers who may know anything further about it, will confer a favor by communicating with us.

The so-called College Stamp, B. S. & Co., blue, rect, is fictitious. It was issued by an enterprising dealer in Montreal and made to sell only.

NOVA SCOTIA.—The five cents blue is now printed in a duller blue than formerly, we do not think that it looks as well as the first issue.

The "Connell" Stamp.

WE do not think it has ever before fallen to our lot to peruse such a piece of arrant humbug, as is the following article which we transcribe from the columns of *The Stamp Collector's Record*, a stamp monthly published in Albany, N. Y. At first we intended only to make extracts from the most absurd portions of it; but thinking it a pity to spoil such a fine specimen of hyperbole, we finally decided to copy it entire, for the amusement of our readers who may not have had the chance of seeing it before, it runs as follows:—

"CONNELL."

"New Brunswick has the honor of having produced the rarest stamp in the World, viz.: the 'Connell.' as it is universally called. Now this stamp is not an essay in any sense of that much abused word, the circumstances are simply as follows: In the year 1861, the Hon. Charles Connell, a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benevolence, was the Post Master General of the obscure Province of New Brunswick. Soon after entering on his official duties, Mr. Connell rightly discovered that the postage stamps of the Province were susceptible of improvement, and to that end employed the famous American Bank Note Company to execute a set of stamps in lieu of the unsightly labels hitherto used. Mr. Connell furnished the designs, the idea of

which were certainly original, and which speaks for the excellent taste of that gentleman to the present day, for the stamps of New Brunswick are unsurpassed, in point of elegance and neatness, by any stamps in Christendom. Mr. Connell's idea was the sensible one of putting a different design on each stamp, and to that end, a steam engine on the 1c., a head of her Majesty of England on the 10c., a steamboat (indicating European postage) on the 12½c., a portrait of the possible future monarch of England on the 17c., and his own portrait on the 5 cent.

The stamps arrived, and were issued to the public, but, alas! unfortunate Mr. Connell had, in the eyes of her majesty's lieges of New Brunswick, committed a terrible crime: that he, a mortal created man, a descendant of Adam and Eve, should dare to engrave his honest countenance on a similar piece of paper to that on which the majesty of that broad domain, on which the sun never sets, was depicted; it was monstrous, it was outrageous, it was frightful, it was treasonable. A mass meeting, presided over by a political opponent of Mr. Connell, was instantly called to express their horror at the dreadful deed, and it was resolved to request Mr. Connell to resign; but, long ere the fumes of the whiskey destroyed on the eventful night of that mass meeting had subsided, Mr. Connell had dashed the reins of the P. O. Department back in the face of the Governor, and retired at once and forever from the political arena.

The stamp was, therefore, used for one day, and a number having passed through the P. O., it therefore could not be an essay."

Comment on the above will be altogether unnecessary to any of our readers who are at all acquainted with the real facts of the case; it is quite enough merely to place it before them, and they will at once perceive the vein of misrepresentation and untruth which prevades—and we might safely say—comprises the whole.

Few would deem it possible that so much error, and unfounded, or (speaking more plainly) false assertions, could be crowded into so small a space. From the first line to the last there can hardly be found a single sentence boasting one particle of truth.

For the benefit of those who may not be very well posted in the true circumstances of the affair, a few remarks may not be amiss.

Well, in the first place, the writer of the strange medley of humbug and bosh, states that in 1861 Mr. Chas. Connell "a gentleman renowned alike for his integrity, genius and benevolence," was Post Master General of New Brunswick, and, as a remarkable proof of his said "genius," he actually discovered that the stamps of the province were "susceptible of improvement." Now it will be remembered that, it was about this time that the decimal currency was introduced into New Brunswick, and the old system of reckoning by £. s. d., done away with. A large quantity of specie was ordered from England, consisting of one, five, ten, and twenty cent pieces, for the purpose of making change. Our "unsightly labels" were three in number, viz., a threepenny, sixpenny, and a one shilling stamp. One would think that it would not require a very large stock of "genius" to discover that a set of stamps, representing cents instead of pence, would now be needed. Even the remarkably stupid writer in the *Record* would have done the same under similar circumstances. The gifted writer then goes on to show how Mr. C.'s ingenuity was set forth in "putting a different design on each

stamp," for example, a locomotive on one, a portrait of Queen Victoria on another, &c., &c. But as a mark of his own appreciation of the great services rendered to his country, he conceived the wondrously brilliant idea of having engraved on the five cent stamp a delineation of his "own honest countenance."

Our talented friend then proceeds to inform his readers how it was that these stamps were not allowed to be used, and imparts to us a little piece of information which has, at least, the merit of being entirely original. His account of the "mass meeting," which he says was held for the purpose of expressing the popular indignation of the public with the Post Master General in his high-handed act, has not one word of truth in it; there was no such event ever took place, and therefore his silly prating about *political opponents*, and the *request to resign*, is altogether unfounded. As for the "fumes of whiskey," they exist only in the muddled brain of the author of the story.

The facts of the matter are simply these: when this celebrated stamp was issued, the attention of the government was at once called to it, and they very properly ordered Mr. Connell to stop the issuing of them. The worthy Post Master General then declared that if the command was enforced he would resign; it was, and he did. And there is the truth of the matter.

The wisdom of the N. B. government in their course is too apparent to need any comment. Were such an unusual precedent as that of Mr. C.'s once suffered to be established, it is hard to say where it might end. In a short time his term of office would have expired, and then, most likely, some other individual would have taken his place, and it is hardly to be supposed that his successor would possess such a high opinion of his career of usefulness as to allow "his honest countenance" any longer to grace the stamp, if he could help it. It is not at all unlikely that Mr. Connell's successor would try to have it removed, and his own substituted in its place.

We are next informed that Mr. C. got so terribly disgusted with the people, and the government, and everybody else, that he "retired at once and forever from the political arena." Again the writer has blundered most surprisingly. In 1861, the very year that he resigned his office, he again offered himself as a candidate at the general election; *he was defeated*, however, and returned to private life, although not "once and forever," for when the election again took place, he again came forward, was returned, and now represents Carleton County in the House of Assembly. So much for the reliability of this account.

The writer of this elegant and accurate production, speaks of New Brunswick as the *obscure* province. We assure him that it is not nearly so obscure as are his ideas; were it so the stuff which he has written would never

have reached this remote and isolated region; and he never would have been called to account for the absurd statements which he has made.

He finally winds up by coolly assuring his readers that this stamp "having passed through the P. O., it therefore could not be an essay." We think that this is plainly another error, for in one sense of the word, at least, it may very appropriately be called an essay; and it is an essay which, we believe, no Postmaster General or "any other man" in this *obscure* province, will again attempt for some time to come.

We wonder if the "obscure" genius of the *Record* sees the point.

Postal Chit-Chat.

Motto for a Postage Stamp.—"A penny for your thoughts."

High Treason at the Post Office.—Punching the Queen's head.—*Fun.*

WHY are gentlemen's love letters so liable to go astray? Because they are always mis(s) directed.

WHY is a postage stamp like a school-master? Because one sticks with a lick, and the other licks with a stick

ON DIT.—That the United States is going to have a new set of stamps.

Those of our readers who have not complete sets of the above country's stamps, will do well to get them as soon as possible, for soon the present issue will become rare, especially the higher values of the U. S. adhesives and envelopes. They are withdrawing their stamps very fast. The 12 and 40 cent envelopes have been called in.

WE have just received the ninth annual report of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending 1864. Want of space prevents us giving a more extended notice of its contents. It says, the amount of postage stamps sold during the year was \$32,216.83, an increase of \$7,663,97½ upon that of the previous year. The number of letters posted was 794,125, and the number received for delivery, 850,423. The number of newspapers received for delivery was 1,766,544, and the number posted, 2,059,627.

THERE are Stamps now selling purporting to be the new issue Egyptian, they are printed green ink on yellow paper, the center contains a view of the Pyramids, in each corner is a triangle containing the figur 3; inscription at top "Porteio" at bottom "Aspers"—*The Stamp Collectors Journal.*

No less than 75 varieties of Postage Stamps have emanated from Spain, or, including the Spanish Colonies, 96 different Stamps.—*Id.*

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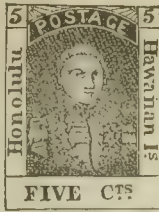
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WE beg leave to offer our sincere thanks to our friends and the stamp collecting and trading community generally, for the generous support and patronage which they have conferred upon us in the way of advertisements, subscriptions &c., by which we have been enabled to defray the expenses incurred in the publication of our Journal. It affords us much pleasure to note this, for it shows that the want of a publication of this kind has been felt in these provinces and our attempt to establish one has met with the approval of those interested in the stamp movement. We respectfully solicit a continuance of the favours which have been extended to us thus far. We also take this opportunity of thanking the press of New Brunswick and other provinces for the many kindly notices with which they have greeted us. Again, we repeat, thanks, thanks to all who have in any way contributed to the success of our enterprise.

The following letter, which was received from a gentleman of this city a few days ago, will be perused with interest by the readers of the *Gazette* :—

"ST. JOHN, JUNE 21, 1865.

"To the Editor of S. C. M. G.

"Enclosed please find fifty cents for one year's subscription to your Journal. I highly approve of your plan of establishing a paper of this kind in St. John, and hope it will succeed. Two or three months ago I would have put it down as a useless undertaking, but a little incident which took place in my family changed my mind considerably. It happened that a gentleman from the country, who was staying with us a few days, was one evening engaged in a conversation with me, the subject of which was the politics, &c., of the German States, and I happened to make use of the expression free city of Bremen. My friend objected to it, believing me to be mistaken in supposing Bremen to be a free city, whereupon a little shaver, a son of mine, not quite ten years of age, looked up and said, 'Oh yes sir;—Bremen is a free city—just like Hamburg you know.' 'And pray how do you know?' inquired the gentleman somewhat amused. And then the little fellow went on to tell how he had been putting some Hamburg and Bremen postage stamps in his 'collection,' and wanting, (I think he said), to put all the German ones together, he had to refer pretty often to his Atlas, and by these means had obtained a very considerable insight into German geography. I was surprised at this, for that subject is not by any means a very simple one, especially to youngsters, besides which I knew that master Freddy was formerly not very fond of this branch of study. Feeling somewhat curious about the matter I questioned him pretty thoroughly, and found that he was about as well posted in the geography of other places as

in that of Germany; and although at first I could hardly believe it myself, I think I am safe in saying that he learned more geography from his *stamp book* than he ever did at school, which he had been attending for about three years steadily.

"My friend intends introducing stamp collections among his boys, and thinks it will have a good effect: not only interesting them in geography but in history also, and I believe he is right.

"You might send a copy of the *Gazette* to his address, which you will find enclosed, and most likely he will subscribe to it.

"I remain yours &c.,"

"What is the use of those old stamps," is a question we sometimes hear asked. We often meet with certain individuals who, although they do not pretend to understand it, yet do not hesitate a moment to pronounce it to be much too childish and puerile an object to merit any attention whatever from a really sensible person. We would advise any such to peruse the foregoing letter from one who, although he might once have thought likewise, now sees that he was greatly mistaken, and, with most admirable promptness and candour, at once proceeds to acknowledge his error. It may be that they will do the same themselves, and perhaps be induced to admit that stamp collecting is not the mere useless waste of time they are now pleased to term it.

A wise man, whose name we do not remember, once said that the young should be taught that which would be likely to prove most useful when they grew older. Now stamp collecting has a decided tendency towards accomplishing this most desirable object, as our correspondent has very plainly shown, acting the part of Tutor in a most creditable and efficient manner.

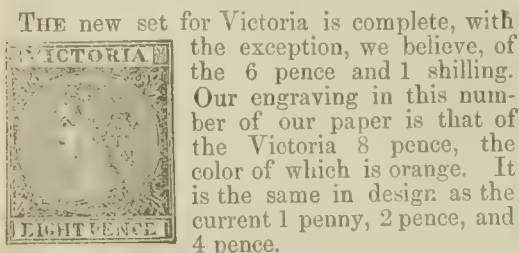
There are many other advantages to be derived from the practice of stamp collecting which we may not enter into at present; but before closing our remarks we would observe that a knowledge of geography and history is not the only thing to be learned from it. To obtain even an ordinary collection necessitates a good deal of trading and exchanging, and thus habits of close calculation and observation will be acquired which will prove most valuable to all in after life, for the youth will thus be prepared for the more active duties of counting house &c. And even the young lady will not find these qualities altogether useless, either in the position of house keeper or whatever other station fortune may be pleased to assign her.

Much more might be said on this subject but space forbids. At some future time we may

speak of stamp collections as an ornament and a curiosity; at present we have confined our observations pretty closely to those points touched upon by the writer of the above letter.

Newly Issued Stamps.

Our list of new stamps this month is very meagre indeed; but we must not grumble, for have we not had new sets of stamps for Turkey, New Grenada, and Maldo-Wallachia, besides a new stamp for Prussia and Denmark; a local for Montreal, Canada, and soon we hope to chronicle a set of stamps for the United States, and another for Prince Edward Island.



The new set for Victoria is complete, with the exception, we believe, of the 6 pence and 1 shilling.

Our engraving in this number of our paper is that of the Victoria 8 pence, the color of which is orange. It is the same in design as the current 1 penny, 2 pence, and 4 pence.

A 6d. envelope for Mauritius, large, like the 1 shilling brown, violet, has just appeared.

✓ We forgot to mention in our last number Mr. Hussey's new stamps. There are three varieties. One has the representation of a clock without hands, with the words, TIME POSTED, above; colours black, yellow, buff, or white and pale blue. Another has, in addition to the above, DAY and MONTH below, and the words, in small letters: *Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1861, by George Hussey, in the Clerk's Office, of the District Court of the United States, for the Southern District of New York*, go completely around the stamp; the colours are blue and black on white. The third stamp is like the first, but with HUSSEY'S POST below, and 50, Wm. St., between it and the dial. They are perforated. Two strokes of the pen by the sender, shows how long (to the receiver,) it takes the message or letter to reach its destination.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., FIVE CENTS.—We give



our numerous readers an engraving of this stamp, which was described in our last number. As a great many collectors and others have never seen this stamp, we were induced to have it engraved. It will describe itself as to its appearance; but a few facts of the case may not be unwelcome. It was issued by the Postmaster of Providence, R. I., and by authority of the United States in the year 1846. The colour is black on white, and in shape it is oblong. The 10 cents stamp is the same, except in value.

A FEW stamps have appeared in different colors. The 'smallest stamp in the world,' that of Mecklenburg, Schwerni, $\frac{1}{4}$ schilling, is now a plain white in place of the former dotted ground.

THE TWO Annas of East India is straw-coloured.

THERE is to be an alteration in the new Turkish stamps: the figures in the corners are to be in the same colour as the stamp.

This closes our list of new stamps for this month.

Postal Chat-Chat.

WHY is a postage stamp like a member of Parliament? Because it has M. P. at the end of its name.

BROWN and JONES meet at the Post Office.—Jones complains of a bad smell about the office, and asks what it can be? Brown doesn't know, unless it may be the *dead letters*.

IF A CHIFFRE TAX of a higher value than 15 centimes is required in France, the post master crosses out the 15, and inserts another number on the side of it.

WE learn by advices received from Prince Edward Island, that the new set of stamps for that Colony will be out shortly.

✓ IN March last a number of the old-fashioned worn-out mail pouches, from some of the Western post offices, were received at the Washington post office. In one of them a letter was found postmarked "Vandalia, Illinois, March 2d, 1836." It contained information in regard to a lawsuit before "a justis" upon which an appeal had been taken, requiring "twenty days' notice," and came to light twenty-nine years and twenty-three days after it was mailed, having been carried about all that time for ten cents.

✓ "THE SOUTHERN CONFEDERACY"—The curtain has fallen on the drama of "the confederacy," and that glorious institution is "played out." That eminent and enlightened citizen, J. Davis, Esq., whose scraggy countenance has ornamented the Confederate State Stamps for the last four years, is at present enjoying the hospitality of the United States in one of the casemates of Fortress Monroe, there to ponder o'er his misspent life and the mutability of human renown; while in the distance, grand, gloomy, and peculiar, the apple tree of acid renown lifts its portentous branches to the sky, and a voice cries to the arch traitor "even as ye have sown, so shall ye reap." The Confederate Stamps are obsolete, and their paternal ancestor will soon be obsolete also. In Richmond, a Confederate \$3,000 bond is worth five cents; will some mathematician favour us, pro ratio, with the value of the Confederate two cent stamp? We pause for a reply.—*Stamp Collector's Record.*

INGENIOUS LETTER-BOX TRICK.—The latest trick in the way of extracting letters, and one which seems to have been of late put into pretty general practice, is the following:—A piece of lead of a conical shape has its base carefully besmeared with some adhesive substance. A cord is passed through it which can be wound and unwound round the finger. The lead is then lowered by the motion of the finger to the bottom of the letter box, and the letter adhering to its surface raised to the aperture and extracted. As of late many letters have been missing, owing it is believed to such means, it would be well that merchants and others should be on their guard.—*Glasgow Mail*.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

TIMBROPHILIST.—The 4 and 6 pfg. of Prussia were issued in the year 1861.

R. McL., Montreal.—On reference to our advertising columns you will see that we have made the necessary correction in regard to your advertisement.

S. S., Fredericton, N. B.—No, thank you, we do not want any of the "warranted genuine blue 5ct. New Brunswick essay, issued in 1861." Your kind and very considerate offer of sending us one for a year's subscription to the *Gazette* is respectfully declined.

H. W. S.—No sir, we have no "personal animosity against Mr. C. Connell;" on the contrary, we esteem that gentleman very highly both in the position of private citizen and politician; yet we must say that in the little circumstance connected with that famous stamp, we think he acted very unadvisedly. You are wrong in supposing that our "remarks were directed chiefly to Mr. Connell;" they "were directed partly" to the writer in the *Record*, and more especially to those persons, who, from reading his absurd statements, would most likely obtain and hold very wrong ideas on the subject.

J. A. N., Montreal.—This correspondent informs us that we were in error when we stated in our first number that the fictitious "College Stamp" was issued in *Montreal*. He says that it was got up in *Albany, N. Y.* Can our friend of the *Record* enlighten us on this point?

* * * Several letters stand over to be answered in our next.

[FROM THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE.]

MEMOIRS OF A NOVA SCOTIAN POSTAGE STAMP.

SINCE first I was stamped by the fatal post-mark I have travelled much, I have been in many a hand, and am not yet sure of ending my days in peace.

Now that I am stationary, and before sleeping for ever, allow me to relate my travels through the world.

You know, probably, dear collectors, the amiable queen whose image I represent; and you know also that the obliteration does not prevent my being worth more than I cost before I was used.

Scarcely arrived at Southampton, I was ruthlessly torn off by a post-office clerk. Oh! how I should have liked to see the astonishment of the receiver of the letter on which I was placed, for I fancy he was a collector! How many times did he exclaim against the clerks of an office which nevertheless renders him many a service. But, not to digress, I was now in the possession of my plunderer; but do not sup-

pose it was for a collection of his own that he stole me; it was merely to please a stamp-maniac: he meant to give me to a child. [The stamp collector is of no particular age: you see some scarcely six years old; you will meet with some of sixty years, and even more.] This youth had already one of my fellow-countrymen, worth one cent, like myself; he hastened, then, to send me to one of his correspondents at Havre. You cannot imagine the pleasure derived from my appearance by this young collector: he did not trouble even to read the letter that was written him; he was never tired of looking at me. 'Look, what beautiful engraving!' said he to one of his young friends, to whom he was displaying his collection; 'look how clear the letters are! Who would believe that such masterpieces were destined to be marked some day with black or blue?' His friend, not being a collector, did not partake of his enthusiasm; he could not comprehend the pleasure of storing up little pictures more or less soiled. If people wanted the portraits of any sovereign or other celebrity, cannot photography supply their *cartes de visites*? If they fancied an engraving, would it not be much better to purchase one of a reasonable size? But he gave no vent to his thoughts, for that would only have caused an interminable discussion. After having been over and over again examined, I was placed in an album.

I stayed there quietly for some time. You probably wonder what caused my removal:—my master received one of my brethren less obliterated than myself, I was incontinently turned out, and passed into the hands of an ignorant collector.

He ought to be thankful to the authors of manuals and the compilers of albums; for, were it not for them, he would not have known where to put me. Classifying his stamps in a geographical order, he would most likely have placed me between those of Greece and those of Prince Edward Island. Were it not for printed albums, if you told him Nova Scotia is situated near Australia, he would have readily believed you. He could not take much delight in collecting, since he had no notion of geography; so he soon sold his stamps, and I fell into the hands of a dealer.

Alas! how cruelly was I treated by that Jew: he sent me here and there. He sent me to Switzerland, whence I soon returned because he set too high a price upon me; I went to Paris, to Rouen, to Brussels, and back again. He was in despair; he could not get the two francs he wanted for me. The dealers not choosing to have me at that price, he had recourse to the collectors. 'I have a Nova Scotia stamp,' said he to every stamp-maniac he met, and forthwith exposed me to their curious gaze, boasted much of my rarity, and always terminated his chatter in these words: 'You do not possess this magnificent stamp; I sell it you for two francs; it is not dear.' Often did the collector reply, not daring to comply of the exorbitant price:

'Thank you, I have been promised one.' The bolder ones used to say, 'I don't want it,' without giving any reason.

(Conclusion next month.)

The *Royal Gazette* of Wednesday, June 28, contains the following appointment:—The Hon. WM. H. ODELL, to act temporarily as Postmaster General, with full authority to discharge the duties incumbent to the office.

(Signed) A. H. GILMOUR, JR.,
Secretary's Office, 10th June, 1865.

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✓ The "Record" blunders again.

The editor of the *Record* will excuse us if we decline to continue a controversy with him about the celebrated "Connell" stamp. We respect ourselves and have no desire to reduce the *Gazette* to the level of the *Record*, which stands pre-eminent among stamp journals for what is commonly known as "billingsgate." In this particular line our cotemporary is an adept. Indeed, it flows so freely from his pen that one could almost imagine it to be his mother tongue; but he may as well keep cool until the "dog days" are over, and when he again essays to enlighten his readers on matters connected with New Brunswick, we hope that he will be more successful. We are seriously sorry that he should have taken amiss our well-meant correction of his extraordinary article on the "Connell." We did it in kindness, and in our innocence thought that our friend would be pleased to know the facts. But we fear we have formed a wrong estimate of his character. Our efforts in his behalf appear to have had quite an opposite effect on his temper, and like a naughty, self-willed boy, he begins to bluster and call hard names. For our friend's sake, we are sorry for this. It is very unbecoming, and not at all what one has a right to expect from the learned editor of the *Record*. Our desire is to live at peace with all men, but silly displays of child-like petulance will not deter us from exposing error. We will not be frightened from the discharge of our duty to our readers, and we hope that our cotemporary will bear with us while we point out another extraordinary mistake he has made respecting New Brunswick. In his last issue he says, "one egregious blunder (a wilful one we feel certain,) the same writer makes, viz.: regarding the silver coins of New Brunswick,—No such coins have ever appeared." This is certainly audaciously cool. "No such coins have ever appeared!" Oh fie, brother *Record*, fie; that you should be caught napping in this way. We really blush for the corps editorial, but will not retort by saying that "we feel certain" that this is a "wilful" mis-statement, for in our charity we can readily believe that it was honestly made in ignorance, and that somebody has hoaxed our friend most cruelly. New Brunswick without a silver coinage! Prodigious!! Had it been said that New Brunswickers were

sometimes without a dime, there would have been truth in the statement, for we have known our worthy selves deficient at times of small change to take to church; but then that would be different from saying that no silver coins have ever appeared in New Brunswick. Now for the information of the *Record*, (for withal we have a great respect for him,) we repeat that our "obscure" province, notwithstanding its loyalty and love for postage stamps, has yet a specie currency, and that five, ten, and twenty cent silver pieces are important parts thereof. Should our friend still doubt what we say, for a *quid pro quo* we will cheerfully send him one of each as a curiosity—which, no doubt, it would be in the sanctum of the *Record*, where stamps, we fear, are more plentiful than specie. This would surely convince him of our truthfulness, and also that some wag had made him the victim of a cruel joke, in making him gravely inform his readers that New Brunswick had no silver coin. Friend, thee has our sympathy, and if thee desire it, thee will have specimens of our silver coinage also; but thee will do wise to restrain thy temper in future.

Postal Chit-Chat.

Pleathe thir give uth a buthineth card?

Why are the genuine Connell Stamp like Policemen? Because they are not often to be found.

Why are some of the Government Officials like some of its Postage Stamps? Because they are *poor sticks*.

Take away my first letter, take away my second letter, take away all my letters and I am still the same. The Postman.

The Post Office Department is now self supporting. Its profits for the last six months of 1864 were \$732,230.69 and for the first six months of this year will be much larger.—*Semi-Weekly Wisconsin* of July 14, 1865.

A NOVEL POSTAL PACKET.—A Highland man who had been enjoying the fair, presented himself at the local Post Office, and requested to know. 'Hoo much ye wud tak' to carry him to Grangemouth and back? On being told twopence an ounce, with an advice to try the railways as the cheapest, he walked off quite dumbfounded.—*Greenock Advertiser*.

Newly Issued Stamps.

WURTEMBERG.—We give below an engraving of the neu-Kreuzer envelope, of Wurtemberg, the color of which is green.



✓ LOCAL STAMPS OF DRESDEN.—There are five varieties in all of these stamps, three adhesives and two envelopes. The former are 3 pfgr. (green,) 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow); the latter are 1 neu-groschen, (rose,) and $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, (yellow). They are used as follows:—

In Dresden, the last clearing out of the letter boxes, (which are placed all over the city like in New York,) occurs at 6 o'clock, P. M. After that hour letters are not taken till the next morning. The Dresden Express Co. takes letters from the houses to the Railway station, but they must be pre-paid by the Company's stamps. The letter boxes are closed at six, and the stamps to be used on letters are sent to the box at the Railway station after that hour.

The 2 paras Maldo-Wallachia is now printed in orange.

OWING to the haste in which we were obliged to correct the proof of our paper last month, some typographical mistakes were unfortunately overlooked.

Correspondence.

We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.—ED. GAZETTE.

FORGED STAMPS.

(To the Editor of *The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*.)

SIR,—In my opinion the most contemptible criminals in the world are the counterfeiters, forgers, and their associates. We may sometimes feel a slight admiration for the bold robber who demands our money, knowing as he does at the same time that he not only runs the risk of his personal liberty, but also of his life; but for the mean, skulking thief, who is guilty of forgery and counterfeiting, I have no feeling but that of utter contempt. The only individual who is lower in the social scale than the forger, is he who knowingly vends and sells counterfeits and forgeries.

I much regret that it is my duty to warn the stamp collector's of New Brunswick to be on the lookout for these light-fingered gentry, as it has come to my knowledge that forged stamps have been sold for genuine in this city by some unprincipled dealers. And it is my intention

(with your permission,) to describe a few of these monthly, gleaned for this purpose from the best English and American authorities to be found.

THE GREEK STAMPS.

These stamps are exceedingly good imitations, and some have even the value printed on the backs of them, as are on the genuine stamps.

GENUINE

1. Dots round the head of Mercury are eighty-eight in number, all of one size, and very evenly and regularly executed.

2. White circle round the dots, is of the same thickness and perfectly distinct throughout.

3. Groundwork is composed of thin waved verticle lines, with dots at equal distance between them.

4. Lettering and Greek border are thin and neat.

5. Post-mark is composed of a diamond shaped figure of black dots, with one or two figures in the centre.

FORGED

1. Dots round the head are irregularly done, and in some places indistinct; they are seventy-five in number.

2. White circle round the dots is very thin, and sometimes indistinct; tho' in some the circle is perfect, yet in all it is very much thinner than in the genuine stamp.

3. Groundwork is composed of waved lines, but only occasional dots between them, and between some of the lines the dots are altogether omitted.

4. Lettering and border are rather blotched and of variable thickness.

5. Postmark of dots only no figures.

Hoping that the above description (which I have taken from a very reliable source,) will enable the collectors who have stamps of Greece to discover whether they are genuine or not, I take much pleasure in subscribing myself

S. B. A.

New Publications.

THE "STAMP ARGUS" St. John N. B. Craig and Melvin.

The first No. of this new magazine devoted to the interests of Stamp Collectors and dealers, made its appearance on the 15th ultimo. It is to be published every month. No. 1. contains a variety of matter interesting to the Stamp Collecting fraternity. We wish our younger brother every success, and hope that it will live long enough to assist us on our journey through the *Timbrophilic* World.

THE 'STAMP COLLECTORS' MANUAL' 3d Edition, Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. A. C. Kline.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. C. K. *Yarmouth, N. S.*.—We received your letter with the stamps for one year's subscription to the "Gazette" for which you have our thanks.

G. A. *Fredericton, N. B.*.—Your enquiry not having any direct bearing on the Stamp question, we cannot answer it, our columns being devoted entirely to this subject.

J. M., Jr., *Kingston, K. C., N. B.*.—We cannot inform you which of our advertisers is the best one to deal with as they are all trustworthy and strictly honest. As to your second question "which is the cheapest?" we would say send to each for his price lists and then you will see for yourself.

S. P. F., *Wolverhampton, England*.—Thanks for your kind wishes and we will strive to make our magazine as acceptable as it ever has been. We have not yet appointed an agent at Wolverhampton, who can supply you with the "Gazette," but we will do so at an early day.

TYRONE.—Your ode to a Postage Stamp is respectfully declined. Try again and you might do better next time.

R. Y., *Charlottetown*.—Accept our thanks for the stamps sent by mail. They make a very pretty set.

G. E. S. and others.—We find that it is utterly impossible for us to answer all questions that may be asked us by letter, and that is the reason we have adopted this mode of replying to Correspondents. In some cases we cannot print our answers as it might cause offence to those parties who prefer a written answer. We would therefore say that all who desire a reply must send a stamp for return postage otherwise we shall reply to it through the columns of the "Gazette."

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[FROM THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE.]

MEMOIRS OF A NOVA SCOTIAN
POSTAGE STAMP.

[CONCLUDED.]

At last, he made up his mind to let a young Parisian have me for a franc and a half. I then visited the French capital. Many a time I crossed the Seine to go from the gardens of the Luxembourg to the gardens of the Tuilleries, and from the Tuilleries to the Luxembourg again—the great stamp exchangers of Paris. I wondered many times at the collectors of that city; every one wanted me, but I was still the property of the same owner. During all this time the stamp mania spread far and wide: it went on increasing, and strange to say, I lost value every day; for as fast as fresh collectors sprang up in Europe, fresh stamps came from America. Numbers of stamps were sent from Nova Scotia; and instead of being worth a franc and a half, I could scarcely be sold for fifty centimes.

My new owner turned me out for a new specimen, and I then found my way back to whence I came, that is to say, to Havre, where I now am, in a pretty good collection.

In the Havre collection where I was first located, I was on the same page as the elegant stamps of New Brunswick, which have this peculiarity, that two only of them bear a similar impression. You might tell me that those of Canada are much the same, since the five stamps are of five different designs; those of Naples and Rome, too, might be instanced as presenting still more variety. That is true; but in the Roman as well as the Neapolitan stamps it is

only the arrangement of the pattern of the stamp that differs; whilst amongst those of which I have been speaking, one represents a railway; another, Queen Victoria: a third, a steamer: the 17 cents, a youth in a Scotch dress. I know that there are likewise the private offices of America; but those impressions are so numerous and so varied that my master made a separate collection of them, and I very seldom saw them: however, they are well worth the trouble of collecting, for they are said to be very pretty.

At the ignorant Mons. Edw. R.—'s I once heard a remark from him that showed the man up famously. 'I think there are stamps from Tobago,' said one of his friends to him. 'What are you chattering about?' replied he quickly. 'Tobago! Tobago! Did you ever hear of a country called Tobago?' His reply had no need of comment, so his friend made no answer.

At the dealer's I saw a mean trick. He was a forger of false stamps, and I often saw him fabricating francs of the French Empire. This was his method; he took some specimens of the French empire 80 c. deep carmine, and some 1 francs of the republic; he cut off the value of those stamps, and pasted under the emperor's effigy the little band which he had taken from the bottom of the republic stamp. In this manner he had an individual with the effigy of Napoleon III., and having as indication of value, 1 franc. Unfortunately for him, he had not remarked that the value of the 1 franc of the republic is marked 1 FR., whilst that of the franc of the empire is indicated 1 F. It was from this circumstance that his fraud was discovered; for his francs of the empire possessed two r's too many, since the value is twice repeated.

In one of my journeys to Rouen I noticed a very whimsical prejudice. Some collectors will not admit a stamp whose place is not prepared in M. Lallier's album. They have probably never read his preface, and do not understand the meaning of the blank pages at the end of the book. They do not believe in new issues. However, in the album in question there is no place for the 2 centimes French: they can scarcely pronounce this stamp fictitious, as they can buy it themselves at the post-offices.

Mons. E. C——, a young fellow of Havre, who comes sometimes to see the collection in which I am placed, and who has a fine one of his own—according to his own account, for no one has ever seen it—has a peculiar fancy, not less extraordinary than that of the Rouen collectors. He will not admit into his collection any of the rarer European stamps, nor any transmarine stamp, new, because he says that these stamps are all fictitious when they are new. This opinion could be easily refuted; but for my part I shall not give myself the trouble of doing it, and desire one thing only, which is, never to be turned out of the collection of LEON CHANDELIER.

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Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

NO. 1.

IN order to make our paper still more attractive and valuable to the collector, we intend continuing monthly a series of articles on rare and obsolete stamps. As our space is more confined this issue than it usually has been, we are compelled to make this article much shorter than we originally intended. But perhaps next month we may have more room—for the present, however, our readers must accept this apology, as it is the best we can do under the circumstances. We will at once proceed to our task, and note first :

THE 12D. CANADA.

This stamp, as some of our readers are aware, was in use but a short time; so short, that many persons—even those residing in Canada—know nothing about it. One gentleman living in Quebec, to whom we had written on the subject some time ago, informed us that we must have been labouring under some mistake when we asked him for some particulars about it. He told us that no such stamp was ever issued; but a subsequent letter from him told a totally different tale, (as we expected.) He gave us a few facts, and that was all we wanted. It was at first intended for postage to England, and was actually used for a time. The postage was afterwards reduced, and the 10d. stamp took the place of the 12d. The latter is now (the genuine) one of the rarest in existence, and very readily obtains such prices as \$4.00, and even \$5.00 for one specimen. Proofs are often offered for sale on India paper, with the word *specimen* printed at the side. Amateur collectors must content themselves with this last, for it is utterly impossible to obtain the real Simon Pure article for less than the sums we name; and even then it is doubtful whether it can be had at that price or not. The color of the genuine stamp is black. It is an adhesive, and contains a portrait of Queen Victoria in an inscribed oval, with figures 12 at corners. The Canadian stamps were first issued in the year 1851, and not in 1856 or 1857 as stated in several catalogues.

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WHY is a letter posted to a friend like a small American coin? Because it is one sent, (one cent.)

WHY is a naughty school boy like a postage stamp? Because he needs to be licked and put in the corner to make him stick to his letters.

PLINY MILES, a gentleman well known in the United States from his efforts in behalf of cheap postage, died recently at the Island of Malta; He was a native of Watertown, New York.—*Cincinnati Daily Gazette.*

ONE honest Georgia Postmaster has paid over to the Post Office Department, in greenbacks, the value of the postage stamps he had on hand at the breaking out of the war. This is the only case of the kind which has come to the knowledge of the department.

THE Tribunal of Justice at Paris has condemned M. Marion to pay the sum of 5000fcs. for advertising and selling the current French stamps above their facial value.

THE French Colonial stamps are now used in the Isle of Reunion.

AN exchange paper contains the following:—Nicaragua is so called after the name of an Indian King who ruled that country previous to the discovery by the Spaniards. The country is in a very insecure condition at present and it is not safe to enclose money in letters.

NEW STAMPED ENVELOPES.—The Post Office Department has shown a desire to meet the wants of the business public by an issue of two new varieties of stamped envelopes, viz.: the ordinary letter size with the double rate of six cent stamps, and the official size bearing the single rate of three cent stamps. Heretofore in sending letters weighing half an ounce or more in letter size Government envelopes, it has been necessary to use an adhesive stamp to pay the excess of postage, thus disfiguring the appearance of the envelope and causing an increase of work in the labor of cancellation. So in regard to the official size, with an inclosure of less weight than half an ounce, the use of stamped envelopes is necessitated of one rate postage.—Both these inconveniences are obviated by the issue of the new envelope, which will soon be for sale at the principal offices throughout the

country. The envelopes are of a neat appearance, having embossed stamps in the usual form, the color on the letter size being purple, and that on the official size chocolate.—*Boston Daily Evening Voice.*

A NEW Post Office has been established in the town of O-tego, U. S., on the railroad, by the name of Doylestown, and Mr. Doyle appointed postmaster.

A communication has appeared in one of our cotemporaries stating "that the Bancroft's stamp is not in use, and is of no value." We would say that Mr. Bancroft is still in business at the usual place.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS, "Poetry," "Forged Stamps," &c., crowded out; will appear in our next.

Newly Issued Stamps.

HONDURAS.—Central America is divided into five States, only two of which have used postage stamps, viz.: Costa Rica and Nicaragua.—Honduras has now issued a 2 reals stamp, of which we sub-join an engraving. The impression is very nearly square, and is printed in black on colored paper. There are two colors of them, pink and green. One color only will be issued at first, and as soon as that is exhausted, another color will be substituted, and so on. Each edition will be different in color. A further description is unnecessary, as our readers can see for themselves what it looks like.

SPAIN.—All stamps of the last issue are now perforated.

BELGIUM.—We understand that stamps pre-paying matter by the railroad are about to be issued; also a postage stamp, value 5c., pre-paying a letter to places situated within a circle of 30 miles from each other.

BRUNSWICK.—The new stamps of Brunswick are now in general circulation.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling is now perforated, as are also the $\frac{1}{2}$ silbergroschen of Brunswick, and the $2\frac{1}{2}$ schilling of Hamburg.

SAXONY.—A new envelope stamp for Saxony has just been issued, the value of which is $\frac{1}{2}$ neu-groschen, and the color orange. It is octagon instead of oval, as its predecessors are. Altogether it presents to the eye a very beautiful and neat appearance. It is the lowest envelope stamp that has as yet appeared in that country.

WURTEMBERG ENVELOPES.—The inscriptions on the 3 kr., rose, is now printed in black letters; on the 6 kr., blue, it is yellow; and on the 9 kr., brown, it is green, as formerly.

ON reference to *Postal Chit-Cha'*, our readers

will find a tolerably good description of the new 3c. and 6c. envelope, United States, which is taken from the *Daily Evening Voice.*

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

LAWRENCE DANTON, THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

THE clock on old Trinity Church had struck ten as I was wending my way home from the residence of an old friend. We had passed the evening together; and he, an old class-mate, had entertained me with some lively descriptions of scenes connected with the Academy where he had read and studied; of the associations he had formed, and of the friends in whose society, as he assured me, some of the happiest moments of his life were spent. I had come away from his room quite exhilarated in spirits, and in the most possible good humour with myself and all mankind, and at the same time fully impressed with the idea that there is no pleasure so great as that to be derived from college life, more especially when one is thrown into the society of those calculated to inspire us with those peculiar emotions which call forth often all that is most noble in our nature. It was but the old theme, love, the divine Eros, that brought forth all the eloquence of my friend, the chaste smile, the glowing metaphor, and revealed to me the range of his varied acquirements. In truth, Lawrence Danton was no ordinary person; gifted in mind, well educated, and possessed of an ardent, generous, and susceptible heart. He ran through a brilliant college course, both at home and abroad, and stood deservedly high in the reputation of all. He was about to engage in the practice of law at the time of our meeting, having passed through a successful examination, and was enjoying the midsummer holidays at the city prior to engaging in the duties of his profession. Life was all before him; young, ardent, and accomplished, how could he but succeed, having no vicious propensities to gratify, nor habits that would tend to sink one into indolence or supineness. Action and its toils was what he longed for; to mix with the bustle and excitement of life, and to strive for its honours and rewards. But, alas! to the young who enter too early into society, satiety creeps in and deadens the feelings of the heart, enervates the intellect, and destroys all hope of immediate action. A sense of weariness and *ennui* numbs all sensibility; the unhappy victim of his own misery becomes cold and misanthropical, and is driven by his feelings of restlessness, to seek the pleasure of indulging in his own thoughts in solitude, and not the fascinations and allurements of society. But my friend Danton was too philosophical to become weary of life, (not by constitution disposed to be melancholy,) and possessed too generous and noble a character to

become a luxurious epicure, or a dissatisfied recluse. Born in the town of F——, he had escaped the temptations and allurements which in large societies invite the followers of pleasure to her temple, feeding them with fruit, which, like the Dead Sea apples, turn to ashes on the lips. I arrived home at a seasonable hour, smoked a cigar, and read a few of the brilliant pages of Eothen, a book that I think has not had many readers, although it is one of the most delightful sketches of foreign travel published in the language. The *dolce far niente* had no charm for me, though the full moon, shining in a pure and cloudless sky, and the sweet perfume of the midsummer air realized to my mind some pleasurable recollections of a more favoured clime. But I felt wearied, and to a weary man there is no charm so soothing as that of sleep, and no dream like the dream of repose.

On the next day the hotel at which I resided was all bustle and excitement. A great many visitors had arrived in the American boat on the previous evening, and quite a clatter of voices was to be heard in the entry-room. In a few minutes, however, after innumerable trunks and valises had been carried out to the coaches stationed near the door, the guests departed, and the hotel sunk once more into its quiescent state. As I was making my way through the crowd, 'mid the obsequious voices of the coachmen, and the orders of waiters, the following note was placed into my hand. It ran as follows:—

MON AMI,—Can you find it convenient to pay me a visit this evening. We had some new arrivals last evening, and the house is crowded with fashionable visitors. Apropos. There is an American lady I observed at the breakfast-table this morning, who is quite an authority on all matters relating to what is antique, Medals, gems, and postage stamps have quite an interest in her eyes. Call and see me and be at once introduced. As you purpose visiting F——, we can all go up together.

Yours,

LAWRENCE DANTON.

P. S.—I forgot to mention, my dear George, that Miss —— is decidedly youthful, intelligent, and lovely.

I was never more surprised in my life than when I read this singular note, evidently written in a hasty manner, from the carelessness of the style, and when the writer must have been in an excited state of mind. I read it over and over again; each time perplexed and troubled in regard to its contents. A lady—youthful, intelligent, and lovely; with a passion for medals, gems, and postage stamps. What construction was I to place on this? What did it affect me? Nothing at all. I was not a collector of postage stamps, and couldn't tell a Connell stamp from one of Russia. And all this taste for novelty, antiquity, and art, allied with beauty and intelligence. Certainly, if my friend was an adept in these matters, the situation was a charming one.

I saw however, at last, after some reflection that he was again the dupe of that feeling which had so long ruled him, and determined in my mind to visit him that evening. The feelings excited in his mind by the advent of

this lady, who seems to have made an impression on my friend, fully explained to me the reasons for penning that foolish note. I went to business that morning with strange feelings that I will not attempt to describe; and in my abstracted state, as I walked along, came near knocking down an apple stand which stood near the corner of the street where I attempted to cross. Visions of hope rose before me, of scenes of travel and adventure, love or despair, which my friend and I in part would play. Time alone can tell in this world what the future doth disclose.

(To be continued.)

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To our Readers.

We are happy to say that the circulation of our paper is increasing very rapidly, and in order to meet the demand upon our advertising space, we have been obliged to enlarge it to double its usual size. The STAMP COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY GAZETTE is now the *largest* and *cheapest* periodical devoted to *philately* published in America; and in point of circulation is second to none on this or the other side of the Atlantic. We shall endeavour to do all that lies in our power to merit the continued support of our numerous friends and readers; and we would remind dealers in stamps, that the GAZETTE is now one of the best advertising mediums to be found anywhere.

Our agents will please accept our most hearty thanks for their generous efforts in our behalf, and we hope that they, as well as stamp collectors generally, will continue to exert themselves in procuring for the GAZETTE a still more extended circulation.

We will be much pleased to receive from any of our readers short communications on matters connected with the objects of our journal; but correspondence intended for publication must be accompanied with the real name and address of the writer, not necessary for publication, (unless desired,) but as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the writer.

The claims of our Journal.

It may appear singular to many of our readers that no lengthy notice has appeared in our columns respecting the claims of our journal, and the mission on which it has been sent. This we could not at all times do, in consequence of the limited space at our command; besides, as many would remark, it is useless to be all the time writing about *trifles*. But we heed not those who thus speak; our purpose is fixed

and unwavering; and to foster a taste in postage stamp collecting, and a love for things new and old, is the sincere object we aspire to, and from which we hope to gain our reward. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that this is remarkably a speculative age. In philosophy, science, and art, we find many earnest and anxious enquirers. The old land-marks of thought are about being swept away by the advancing tide of new opinions and modes of thinking in every department of literature. To the young the lesson which the age teaches is as essentially important as to the old. They grow wiser in every generation as education advances in its rapid strides, and every means that is taken to stimulate inquiry, and foster a love for literature, should not, we think, be derided or contemned. It is the reflection which excites us to a renewed effort in our task, and inspires us with the hope that the labour employed will not be in vain. It is to the young that we address ourselves, that they will appreciate whatever confident information we can give them concerning stamps and stamp collecting from all parts of the world. Some good arises from a sincere love and spirit of enterprise manifested in the task of those who are engaged in stamp collecting. We think it leads them to look beyond the narrow sphere of home, incites their minds to a knowledge of other countries, and aids them wonderfully in the study of geography. We hope, therefore, that our friends will rally to our aid, that we may be able to make our journal the best true friend and companion to all stamp collectors.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK the registration fee on letters has been reduced from 10 cents to 5 cents on pre-paid letters and from 20 cents to 10 cents on unpaid letters. Newspapers for Canada go by the boat via the United States now instead of by land as formerly.

The "Record" will blunder.

We thought after the information so generously furnished to the *Record* in our August number, that that paper would have had the good breeding to acknowledge its errors, and perhaps thank us for our kind offices, but we have been disappointed. Our friend has neither had the manners nor the manliness to do the one or the other, but still persists in asserting, what he now knows to be false, viz. :—that New Brunswick has no silver coinage of its own; and meanly seeks by petty quibbling and ribald nonsense, to conceal from his readers the real question at issue. In our August number we said that New Brunswick had a silver currency of its own, and we offered, for a *quid pro quo*, to give our cotemporary ocular demonstration of the truth of what we then said, did he still continue to doubt. But our offer has not been accepted! Why not?

To show the *Record*, however, that it uttered something worse than arrant nonsense when it said "that New Brunswick silver coins are as scarce as the visits of angels," we now send without a *quid pro quo*, specimens of "New Brunswick silver coins," which we hope its editor will examine carefully, and when he has done so, no doubt he will have the candour to say to his readers, "in ignorance we have told you an untruth, and in ignorance impugned the veracity, and grievously wronged our brother of the *St. John Gazette*, for all of which we now humbly pray to be forgiven, for to err is human, &c." And to alleviate, to some extent, the pang which this confession may cause, we hereby frankly offer him our forgiveness. In doing so, however, we would just hint that the editor of a stamp collector's journal should not be given to fibbing, for this is a very naughty practice; he should try to conduct himself like a gentleman, for this is commendable at all times; and above all, he should ever bear in mind that "fancy slang," and profane allusions to scripture, neither shew a writer to be witty nor clever. Vulgarity is not ability. But having by ocular proof convinced the *Record* that New Brunswick has a silver coinage of its own, here our controversy must forever end. So mote it be.

Postal Chit-Chat.

WHAT Country employing Stamps denotes a feeling of Cold? Chili

WHY is a sheet of perforated postage stamps like distant relations? Because they are but slightly connected.

CHARLES A. STODDART, a clerk in the Boston Post Office, has been arrested on two complaints of stealing letters containing money, and placed under \$3000 bonds in each case for his appearance at the September term of the District Court.

A PACKAGE recently passed through the New York Post Office, mailed at San Francisco, and bound for Dresden, Prussia, the pre paid postage on which amounted to \$172.40. It consisted of valuable papers enclosed in a tin cylinder.

USEFUL INVENTION.—Christian Dexheimer, stamping clerk in the Post Office, has invented an apparatus for stamping letters which must come into general use. It consists of a cast iron frame about a foot square, in which are enclosed a pad in a circular metal cup, and an India rubber cushion. The advantages of it, are, it is compact and portable; can be placed anywhere, on a table, stand or counter; gives a perfect impression, so that the date and name of place can always be read. The Assistant Postmaster at Washington gives it the highest recommendation.—Every post office and bank will have it as soon as its merits are known.—*Semi-Weekly Wisconsin.*

THE mania for collecting postage stamps has raged as violently in France, as in England, if not more so. It is confidently affirmed that some traders who procured stamps from the English colonies, and other distant countries, have realised from £4,000 to £6,000, and that they are still making money. The French have a saying, "*Il n'y a pas de sot metier*," and this stamp selling proves it. Of itself it seems wonderous silly; but consider the profits to those who carry it on!—*Malvern Advertiser.*

ROBBING A POST BOY.—From the *London Times* of October 3d 1798:—"The post boy carrying the mail from Bromley to Seven-Oaks last night, was stopped about two miles from Farnborough, between the hours of ten and eleven, by a single highwayman, who presented a horse-pistol, and demanded the mail, which the boy gave him. He offered the robber half a guinea, but he declined taking it." The report then goes on to state that a reward of £200 will be given for the apprehension of the highwayman.

✓ WE learn from a new work on forged stamps that the 12½ cents blue stamp of this Province has been Counterfeited. The writer says. "The engraver of this forgery evidently worked from a description, and I cannot congratulate him on his success. The steamship has no paddles, but is apparently propelled by a screw. The colour is also much fainter than the genuine one." Concerning forgeries of the "Connell Essay" the same book says. "There are two imitations of this stamp, one of which is beautifully printed on India paper, and it may be detected by putting a drop of water on the stamp, when it will run as on blotting paper. The other imitation is a French photograph, which may be detected in the same way as the 1kr. black, Bavaria—viz., by applying cyanuret of potassium to the engraving. If photographed it will instantly remove the impression, leaving the paper white; whereas if the Stamp

has been printed in the usual way, it will not injure it in the least."

Newly Issued Stamps.

NEW GRENADA.—A new stamp has just appeared in New Grenada, the value of which is one cent. This last emanation is the lowest in value that has as yet been issued in that country. For device, &c., see annexed engraving. It is rose colored.



SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The five cents stamp bearing a bust of King Kamehameha III., is now obsolete, having been replaced by one printed from type.

DUTCH INDIA.—We understand that the issue of stamps for Dutch India is to be enlarged, as the post office authorities have decided that the one now in use is insufficient. We may look for some novelties soon.

VICTORIA.—We note an alteration in the one shilling stamp; it is now printed on blue paper, and the Queen's head is adorned with a crown of laurels.

✓ **UNITED STATES.**—We have official information that it is *not* the intention of the United States Government to issue a new one cent adhesive stamp. Of the other size, denominations 6 cents letter, and 3 cents official, the former only is ready for delivery. The delay in the latter is owing to the difficulty in procuring material of the proper weight and strength. Their appearance may be looked for at an early day. A new style of stamps will also be issued, which are to be used on packages of newspapers carried outside the mails.

FRANKFORT.—The newspaper hand stamp of this town is out. Design, spread eagle in large oval frame, inscription, "*Freie Stadt Frankfurt*" in upper, and "*Zeitungs Stempel*" in lower edge. Black impression.

PERSONAL. The Editor of the "*Argus*" has been rusticated for the last few weeks among the "*woods and wilds*" of New Brunswick for the benefit of his health which we are glad to hear is rapidly improving. We have authority for saying that ere the 6th inst (D. V) he will be home and at his post again wielding scissors and pen with his usual judgment and ability for the benefit of the readers of the "*Argus*."

Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

NO. 2.

FIVE CENTS, BROWN, UNITED STATES.

The old Post Office 5 cents stamp was issued in the year 1847. The single rate of postage under the law authorizing its issue, was five cents for 300 miles or under. This stamp was in use until March 1851, when, owing to a change in the postal rates, the second issue (United States,) were emitted. The color of it is mottled brown, design, bust of Benjamin Franklin to the left in an oval, figures indicating value in lower angles, rectangular, colored impression; printed on white and also on blue paper.

Franklin was appointed by the British Government general manager of the Postal Department in the colonies, and after the establishment of the Continental Government in 1775, became its first Post Master General. The ten cents stamp contemporary, with the 5 cents, was issued at the same time, (1847,) and was used to pre-pay postage over 300 miles. This stamp has been printed on blue and on white paper; color, black; design, bust of Washington to the right in an oval, X in lower angles; colored impression, rectangular. Essays of both of these stamps are in the market. The colors are, 5c., black, red-brown, and green; 10c., brown, red-brown, blue, green, &c.

Forged Stamps:

FROM

"FORGED STAMPS: HOW TO DETECT THEM,"

BY

MESSES, THORNTON LEWIS, AND EDWARD PEMBERTON.

We take the following description of forged stamps from a little work entitled "*Forged Stamps: How to detect them*," by Messrs. Pemberton & Lewis. We will continue to make extracts from this book every month. The first stamps that are mentioned, are:

ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION,

1861—name, arms, (rising sun with cap of Liberty,) 5 centaos, red, 10c., green, 15c., blue.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

1. The hands are clasped together, and hold a *small staff*, on the top of which is a *cap of liberty*.

1. The hands are much more distinct than in the genuine one, but the *staff* and *cap of liberty* are wanting.

2. The glory round the head is *not thick*, but *straggling*.

2. The glory round the head is *very thick*.

3. The colors are *bright*, but *not remarkably so*.

3. The colors are *intensely bright*.

BAVARIA.

Figure 1, indicating value, in circle; 3 kr., black. The figure 3 is solid throughout, without veining in it. The word "*Drei*" is at the right hand, "*Franco*" at the bottom, and "*Kreuzer*" at the left hand. This is a wretch-

edly executed lithograph, and an impudent forgery. No such stamp ever existed. There is also a photograph of the old 1 kreuzer in circulation.

GRENADA CONFEDERATION,

1861—name, arms in shield, with words,—"Estados unidos de Nueva Granada," in oval, and in bordering, the words, "Correos nacionales." 2½ cents, black.

GENUINE.

1. Nine stars under inscription.

2. The letters of the inscription are *long and thin*, and all of the *same height*.

3. The shield is divided into three compartments; the top and bottom ones are *shaded with black lines*, the middle one is *white*.

4. In the upper division is a helmet and flags.

FORGED.

1. No stars under inscription.

2. The letters of the inscription are *thick and unequal*.

3. The shield is divided into *three white* compartments.

4. In the upper division is a cornucopia.

As our correspondent S. B. A. has left the city, we are compelled to make extracts from Messrs. Pemberton & Lewis' book on "forged stamps," until we can procure the services of one skilled in the art of detecting forgeries.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PHILATELIST.—The paper you refer to has been defunct about 6 months.

X. C. L.—Your stamp is a magnificent forgery of the ½d. Tornese arms, blue, Naples. The execution is very clear and fine, and any but an expert at detecting forgeries would pronounce your stamp genuine. You must be on your guard in future, and procure your stamps from strictly honest and trustworthy dealers only. As your stamp is not *genuine*, and only sent on approval, you are not bound to return it immediately. The name of the person from whom you obtained it ought to be published, and collectors warned in time, for he might do a great deal of mischief if allowed to go on swindling people in that mean and contemptible way.

Fosco.—If you send us your real name in confidence, we will, perhaps, insert your advertisement; but you must give us good references, otherwise we will have to exclude you from our columns.

M. F. L., Bristol, R. I., U. S. A.—We received your letter, but no inclosure. See if there is not some mistake.

R. M., Kingston, C. W.—Your "Connell," which you "prize so highly," turns out to be a photograph. In another part of this paper you will see how to test it.

S., F^{tn}on.—We have at length found room for your poetry. Please favor us again.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

We call attention to Mr. Nutter's advertisement in another column. His list will be found as cheap as any in the trade, and he being an old established dealer, we can recommend him.

MESSRS. G. W. WINTERBURN & Co. are evidently well acquainted with their business, and seem to spare no expense in making the public aware of the inducements they hold out to them. Their stock comprises upwards of 1700 different varieties, all for sale cheap. See advertisement.

A CAREFUL perusal of Mr. A. D. Robertson's advertisement is particularly requested. The prices at which some of his stamps are sold will be found *very low* indeed.

ENIGMA.

I consist of two words containing 15 letters.

My 9, 7, 15, 13, 6, the art of reasoning.

" 13, 4, 3, 15, 10, an idol.

" 12, 10, 14, 2, a species of wine.

" 9, 10, 15, 13, 7, 14, a body of soldiers.

" 3, 15, 10, 14, 2, a deputy.

" 4, 3, 1, 2, part of the rigging of a vessel.

" 5, 7, 12, an article used in cookery.

" 6, 7, 5, 3, 8, a gum.

" 4, 13, 11, 3, a mineral.

My whole is a highly interesting pursuit.

[Answer next month.]

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New Publications.

DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST OF AMERICAN & FOREIGN POSTAGE STAMPS. Cincinnati, U. S. A. G. W. Winterburn & Co.

The above is the title of a very useful and neatly printed little book containing some 32 pages of interesting information of a very reliable character. We are glad to see that very few of the so-called essays, proofs, and variety stamps are noticed, as we are no believers in these species, well knowing that many of them are manufactured by unprincipled persons for no other reason than to sell them to wealthy collectors. This catalogue gives a description of about 1700 different stamps, with the prices for which they may be obtained from the publishers. A money table is added, that will prove valuable to collectors, as it shows at a glance the relative value of European and American currency. Altogether we assure our readers that the publication is well worth the modest sum asked for it, viz.,—15 cents.

THE "COIN AND STAMP JOURNAL." Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A. A. B. Mason.

This paper comes to us this month in a new dress, and looks much better than its former numbers. The proprietor has been compelled to issue a supplement to contain the advertisements, as his columns are filled to overflowing with reading matter. Such success is pleasing to notice, and we would say to our readers do not forget to subscribe for the *Journal* if you want a good stamp paper. The terms are the same as our own—50 cents a year.

THE "STAMP GALOP," Boston, Mass., U. S. A. Arthur O'Leary, composer, Oliver Ditson, and Co., publishers.

We have received from the enterprising publishers, (Messrs. Oliver Ditson, & Co.,) the above galop, which, as a musical production, certainly eclipses *anything* of the kind that we have as yet had the pleasure of hearing. On the outside is an elaborate title page, which contains about 43 admirably executed lithographs of stamps printed in colors. We recommend the '*Stamp Galop*' to all lovers of good music.

NEW STAMP ADVERTISER.—Advertisers who wish to extend their business will do well to send in their advertisements at as early a day as possible to the "COLONIAL STAMP ADVERTISER" St. John, N. B. It will contain 8 pages of 2 columns each (same size as "Gazette"). The terms of advertising are 3 pence per line. This paper will have a very extensive circulation throughout the world and more especially in America. The first number will be issued on or about the 20th instant. *

TO THE READERS OF

✓ **THE "STAMP COLLECTOR'S GAZETTE."**

Kind reader, once again we claim
Your favour on our humble task :
'Tis not for wealth, nor yet for fame,
That we in truth your aid do ask.
We seek a worthier aim than this—
The spread of knowledge far and wide ;
And hope to "stamp" on all who read—
Fresh truths from every sea and tide.

Nor deem our mission foolish, vain,
When we incite the youthful mind
To learn of countries far away—
Its laws and language, and the kind
Of manners that pertain to each,
In every clime beneath the sun :—
By "stamps" we converse as by speech,
And learn what they in Art have done.

Deter not you, our youthful friends,
From stamp collecting and its toils :
We give advice to all who seek—
And wait in patience for the spoils.
We hope to stamp on all our friends,
This cherished token of regard :
May you in postal knowledge grow—
As we do hope to gain reward.

S.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

✓ **LAWRENCE DANTON,**
THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONTINUED.]

WHAT spell is so potent as that of love ; what joy so thrilling, what rapture so intense and sweet ? It is only when one has experienced every passion and feeling peculiar to the refined sorrow of love that we can fully sympathize with others over whom the god exerts his influence. This thought naturally suggested itself to my mind in thinking of my friend and the intimacy which existed between us. I had known him many years ; long ago we spent many happy days in rambling through some of the loveliest and most fertile portions of our native country and during our acquaintance I had many an opportunity to study those peculiar

idiosyncracies of mind and character from which no man living is free. I had chiefly discovered in his character an intense and passionate love for the person and society of woman, allied to a chivalrous sentiment of respect and esteem. His love was a feeling with him that had nothing carnal in it, but on the contrary purely spiritual and unearthly ; and yet there was allied with this feeling a habit of fickleness and inconstancy. The idea of his soul was yet to be attained ; into the fascinations of their society he reluctantly went and often came away dissatisfied and weary in the vain desire of finding the idol of his fondest imagining. He indeed truly learned that in passing through temptations which line the path of youth to a person of ardent temperament and high animal spirits it is hard in truth to regulate the habit.

Business at the office of great importance which I soon learned on my arrival, prevented me from visiting Danton that evening. I communicated this intelligence to him by a note, at the same time promising to visit him before his departure from the city. On my way home to the Hotel I met with my old college chum, Gordon, who immediately button-holed me at a well-known locality, and speaking in a hurried and excited state, enquired if I had seen her. "Seen who ?" I calmly replied "Why don't you know ? is it possible you have not called upon her ? Can it be that you have forgotten the languishing beauty, Miss Vernon, from Boston, who had such a penchant for Postage Stamps and antique medals, and all that sort of thing ?" After saying this in an affected kind of way, Gordon laughed heartily. "Do you not remember our scenes of love and adventure last summer, that never to be forgotten year in each others history, the visit to F——, the introduction on the steamboat, the talk about postage stamps, the drives among the beautiful groves at F——, the boating on the lake, the lonely walk on the banks of the river at sweet twilight's hour ? I leave, my dear George, the accessories of this scene. I know how saddening it is to speak of these things now ; but do you think you will ever forget that bit of white muslin that leaned upon your arm, and the winning, fascinating smile, of her who looked down on you ? By jove, it makes me smile, notwithstanding the spirit of sentiment and retrospection I have evoked when I think of the discussion about the various kinds of postage stamps which you enjoyed with her." Well well "can such things be and overcome as like a Summer's cloud and not excite our special wonder ?"

"No more for us will be the splendour on the grass,
The glory in the flower."

"You are," I replied, "like Shakspeare's melancholy Jacques, whom he so well describes ; and since you have got over sentimentalizing and moralizing, to speak these words conjunctively, I remark, that since you have mentioned the lady's name, and painted, so remembrance like, the

scenes enjoyed, that I remember perfectly well the various events that transpired at that time. But you surprise me when I hear that she is at present in the city." "I called upon her," he answered, "on the evening of her arrival, and found in the room your friend Danton, who was most eloquently expatiating on the peculiar merits of British and American institutions and passing with all the ease of a practised courtier, and diplomatist from that subject to the rage for postage stamp collecting." "Confound that fellow, say I, and how well he can talk, too; do you believe me, when I tell you, susceptible though he be to the influence of woman's beauty and intelligence, he has studied every phase of her character, and I fear has already become deeply enamoured, and in like manner made a deep impression on her heart." "We shall soon see, however," I replied. "Come with me to the nearest restaurant and have an ice cream, and we will talk this matter over quietly, and then visit Danton. I promised to call and see him before our departure from the city. I cannot but remark to you, Gordon, how very much interested I am in anything which concerns Miss Vernon, and I may here state that I am exceedingly anxious for an *intrigue*, not at all in the criminal sense which that word often implies, but for the purpose of talking my friend Danton down from that ideal stand point from which he views the female character. His susceptible imagination arrays them in a thousand manifold charms; he sees no imperfection in their nature, and to him the altar and the god are one—but to worship and adore. I have forgotten to inform you that some days ago I received a note from my friend inviting me to call and see him. He had previously been introduced to a young lady possessing great beauty and intelligence, the very words I think he used, and with great taste for art, and even the frivolous occupation of postage stamp collecting. On reflection, I am inclined to believe that it is our fair, *ideal* Miss Vernon, who has thus captivated him, and, in all probability, stopping at the same hotel with him. He has invited me to call and be introduced, which I shall certainly do, and would be pleased to have you accompany me. What I want you to do, Gordon, is simply this:—Go with us to F——: you have that *bon hommie* which he lacks; that self-possession and ease so necessary in female society, which few so thoroughly attain except those who have mingled much with the world. Try by your wit, affability, and politeness, to gain her affection and esteem; which, if effected, will be a solemn lesson to Danton, that what is practicable, is, after all, our best philosophy, and that it is vain to expect perfection in any one, no matter how much we may love." "Why I declare, George, what a moralist you are; I shall follow your advice." "Pardon me, when I say that in society your friend is a perfect nonentity; he never could conquer his feelings of aversion to it. Although brilliant in scholarship, he lacks

the manners of a man of the world." "I am pleased at the proposal you have made; he may feel jealous, but for that I do not care. I shall see once more our fair friend, and renew my protestations of love; and now that you are out of the way, I have no doubt I shall succeed. I'll talk in such a manner that will not betray my feelings; there is nothing like stoicism, especially in love; it is so very timid, as Byron says, when new. Postage stamps will be the grand theme. I know her feelings on this question; she is proud of her collection, which is one of the best in the country." "Well, come," I replied, "we will take a turn in the Square, and after enjoying a real Havana, will visit our friend, Romeo that is to be." At this remark Gordon laughed heartily, as we passed through the crowd and the glare of the shop lights, into the quiet seclusion of King's Square.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Persons desirous of becoming agents for this paper are requested to communicate with the publisher. Terms liberal.

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Stamp Collecting,

It is pleasant to notice the advance that has been made in Stamp Collecting during the last few years. Well do we remember the first indications of this spirit especially among the young persons of our population, spirit of emulation enterprize and rivalry actuated the minds of all and he was to be envied who possessed the largest and most *unique* collection. The minds of those thus employed was stimulated to some good purpose, habits of patience, perseverance, and assiduity would be formed and he would be rewarded who regarded the task as one of love and laboured diligently in it. Nor do we for one moment believe that the business of Stamp Collecting at the present time has in any way depreciated. But on the contrary, we think it has materially advanced, too much to effect any permanent usefulness amongst those who engage in its toils, this is owing to the large numbers who have embarked in the enterprize, and by speculation in stamps, have not only enriched themselves, but lessened the value of them in the eyes of those who take pleasure in their collection. This fact we do not at all lament, merely regarding it as the natural consequence of things.

What we do lament is the decay of that spirit of enterprize and energy which once animated the minds of our young stamp collectors, who, regardless of all obstacles, pursued their beloved avocation with a spirit of patience and application that was highly commendable. The

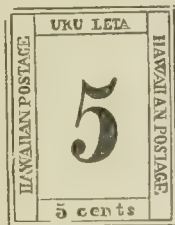
business has also advanced in the scale of art. We have now Stamp Albums manufactured of the best material and of elaborate finish, such as would be a suitable ornament to adorn the centre table of any drawing room in the land. These are generally of French and English manufacture, and ought to be in the hands of every one who take pride in Stamp collecting.

The best American Album we have yet seen is one manufactured in Hartford, and is really a beautiful article as regards workmanship, style, and finish. It can be purchased in Boston at a moderate sum. We advise all Stamp Collectors to secure one. An album well filled with rare and valuable stamps is a beautiful *souvenir* which all lovers of art should carefully prize. We hope our young friends will not be deterred from securing well filled albums, by any feeling of aversion to its toils arising from the superfluity of stamps or the cheapness by which they may be obtained. We are well aware that by the scarceness of any article its value is enhanced, and in like manner, where there is an abundant market there will be but few purchasers, especially when the source from which the demand must come is small. But we hope these considerations will have but little weight amongst our readers, let them remember that the purest gold can be had but by seeking, and that love sweeten all toil.

We regret exceedingly our having omitted to inform our readers of the advent of a new candidate for *timbrophilic* support, which made its appearance in July last. In point of merit it fully equals all the other papers of its kind that are published in the United States. The title of it is the "*Curiosity Shop*" and is issued in Chicago by Messrs Haines and Olcott. We shall always be happy to hear of its success. On reference to our advertising columns further information concerning it may be gleaned.

Newly Issued Stamps.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—An engraving of the new provisional five cents.



Honolulu, which was noticed in our last number, is annexed, blue on thin blue tinted paper. We learn that there are some essays in the market for this country, but not having seen them we are unable to describe them this month, but will endeavour to do so in

our next. A new series, with a slight variation, has been issued for this kingdom. *Uku leta* above, value below, *inter island* to the left, *Hawaiian postage* to right, large figure denoting value in centre. 1 cent—2 cents—blue, on thick white wove paper.

DENMARK.—The supply of the old issue, 2 schilling, being exhausted, the new issue is now in use. It is similar in device to the 4s., red, and 16s., green, and is perforated. Printed on white paper, color, blue.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.—Two new stamps, a 5c., orange, and 10c., blue, head of Queen Victoria to left. These are similar in design to the Bermuda stamps, being executed by the same engraver. Perforated, rectangular, colored impression on white paper.

MEXICO.—A 3 centavos stamp, dark brown, has appeared, design, eagle in oval.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The series of rectangular is now complete, the colors same as in former issue.

BERMUDA.—We direct the attention of collectors to the engraving of the 6d. stamp of this island. The color of it is lilac. Two others have also made their appearance, 1 penny, red, and 1 shilling, green. In the 1d. stamp the words BERMUDA, ONE PENNY, are in straight lines above and below. Our readers can



see that the 6d. differs from it in this particular. In the 1s., both BERMUDA and ONE SHILLING are placed in curved lines; colored impression on white glazed paper, perforated, rectangular. A correspondent says that these stamps were engraved and printed in England, and exported thence to the colony for which they are intended.

SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN.—We have three more new stamps to describe for this Duchy. They are, 1½ schilling, = 1 gr., lilac, 2 schilling, blue, 3 schilling, = 3s., gr., bistre. Design—Legend SCHLESWIG, HOLSTEIN, in an oval; in the centre, figure indicating value. Embossed in white relief, perforated, rectangular. The colors of the others now in use are, ½ sch., rose, and ¼ sch., green.

ITALY.—The new 20 c. stamp is, (*it is said*), to be printed in brown.

NEW GRENADA.—In addition to the 1 centavo stamp mentioned in our last, we note the appearance of five others viz., 5c., orange, 10c., purple, 20c., blue, 50c., green, and 1 peso, rose. A triangular stamp, with the arms of New Grenada, and the usual inscription, (E. U. DE COLOMBIA, CORREOS NACIONALES,) black impression, lithographed on colored paper, value, 2½ centavos; also two others, one of which we understand is for registered, and the other for unpaid letters, have appeared. The value of the stamp for registered letters is 5 centavos. The unpaid letter stamp has the same value, (5 centavos.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—A new three pence stamp of a novel design, the words BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAGE, THREE PENCE, in an oval, containing a Roman V surmounted by a crown, colored impression on white glazed paper, blue, perforated, watermarked C C, (crown colonies,) beneath a crown, as are also in



like manner the stamps of Bermuda, Vancouver's Island, Cape of Good Hope, &c. A further description is unnecessary, as we have gone to the trouble of having it engraved, which will enable our readers to see as we have seen this the most *unique* of stamps.

THE *S. C. Magazine* contains the following:—

NOVA SCOTIA.—A set of essays of envelopes for this country has come under our notice, and we believe we are the first to notice their existence: unless we are misinformed but one or two sets have arrived in England, and it is not likely that more will come.

Queen's head crowned, with pendent curl behind, to left in circle: above and below outside the edge of the circle, a small curved band leaving space sufficient for the name of the country and the value. The impressions are embossed in colour at the top right hand corner of envelope formed of thick cream laid paper without watermark; Red, Blue, Green. These are the only three colours we have seen and we do not know of more: we can add no further information except that they were designed and produced in America, and we are inclined to attribute them to the New York Bank-Note company, to whom the credit of the beautiful current issue of Nova Scotia is due.

✓ **UNITED STATES.**—The colour of the 3 cent envelope is now brown and the 6c is purple.

We learn that the Post Office Department is about instituting suits against those post-masters in the lately seceded states who were indebted to the government at the out break of the rebellion and have since declined or omitted to settle their accounts. Quite a number of them, however, have honorably paid up their indebtedness.—*U. S. Mail.*

Correspondence.

Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 28th, 1865.

DEAR GAZETTE :—

Ever since the first appearance of this stamp monthly I have perused its columns with the greatest interest, and many a useful hint have I gleaned from them, some of which proved of great value in aiding me in the procuring and arranging of the stamps in my collection.

Now in return for this I would like to make a few remarks concerning the plan which I adopted in preparing my stamp album, which might prove interesting to young collectors, who may not be very well posted as to the best means of setting about the work which they have undertaken, so as to make their collection of stamps as interesting and useful as possible, without any unnecessary outlay of the *dimes*. I expect many of the readers of the *Gazette* will say when they read this "Pho! I knew all that before—and more too." But any such will please remember that it is not for those who are so thoroughly versed that this is written, but rather for the benefit of new beginners in the business.

I do not claim either vastly superior merits over other systems for my method, nor an altogether original principal as I am aware that some regular printed albums are got up in *something* the same style; but I do say that my plan possesses this advantage, that it does not cost one half nor quarter the amount necessary for the procuring of a good "Stamp Album," and is at least as good for all practical purposes.

The first thing needed is of course, the stamps, the next a book to put them in, this latter should be made of perfectly blank paper, and neatly got up, size of page from six to ten inches square. Such a one may be had in almost any of the stationary shops for about fifty or sixty cents. And now to the arranging of the album.

Leave the first page of the book for a fly-leaf, the second take for the title-page. This might be made to look very pretty by using differently coloured inks, for instance the first line might be written in red, the second in blue, &c., using then alternately or as fancy may suggest, three colours will be sufficient. Fancy letters as old English, German text, &c., produce a very pleasing effect, though they should only be used in connection with the plain Roman characters.

The two succeeding leaves are to be set aside for an index,—it would be better not to commence with that before you have got pretty well on with the rest of your book, but you had better at once commence the paging of the leaves beginning with the title page as number 1, the table of contents will occupy from page 3 to 6 inclusive, and your album proper will commence on page 8.

The next thing to decide upon is the order

in which you are to place the stamps in your book. That is whether you are to arrange them alphabetically or otherwise. I prefer the plan which has been adopted in "Olipphant's Album," which is arranged *geographically*, that is, by dividing the album into five or six departments, the first of which is devoted to the stamps of Europe, the second to those of Asia, and so on through Africa, North, Central, and South America, West Indies, Australia, &c. The minor divisions to run according to the letters of the Alphabet. So among European stamps the Austrian one come first and those of Wurtemberg last.

The stamps should be placed on one page of each leaf only, and those the pages bearing the odd numbers, as 9, 11, 13, &c., so that when the book is opened they will occupy the right hand side, leaving the left for the name of the country, a brief but comprehensive description, giving its area, population, boundaries, government, name of ruler, &c., and list of its stamps with the date of issue. A reliable stamp catalogue will be found very useful here, indeed such a work is almost indispensable to the young collector.

The coloured inks may be used throughout the book, as well as on the title page but by far the greater part of the writing should be done with black ink, otherwise it will have a kind of flimsy look.

EDDIE.

✓ **Postal Chit-Chat.**

WHY is a penny English stamp like a newspaper? Because it was first black printed on white and then red (read).

WHY is a good draught of ale like a British Postage Stamp? Because it always has a good head on it.

DURING the week ending 1st August., 1865. 18,248 letters and 34,519 newspapers passed through the Post Office in the City of Saint John New Brunswick.

THE *London Punch* of Oct 27 1849 has the following :—

"It has been suggested in the *Daily News* that Post Office clerks should be carried on board the foreign steamers to sort and stamp the letters on the voyage. This would be all very well in smooth weather, but in a storm the clerk must of necessity be alternately on his heels and on his head, while endeavouring to gain the equilibrium necessary for his duties. The sorter would frequently be put terribly out of sorts by the discovery that, after all his trouble, a certain lurch might again shuffle the correspondence together in the most admirable disorder.

DURING the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1,985, 789 letters passed through the Boston Post Office. The receipts for letter and newspaper postage were \$116,492 02, and \$259 80 were

paid for registered letters, of which one-third goes to the Government and two-thirds to the Postmaster. \$7191 83 were paid for box rent, etc. The expenses of the office were \$31,519 40, and the net balance paid over to Government, after payment of all expenses, was \$92,463 26.

✓ THE sales of postage stamps and stamped envelopes at the Post office in New York, for the year ending Sept. 30, amount to one million four hundred and sixty-five thousand and thirty-two dollars, an increase of two hundred and sixty thousand eight hundred dollars over the previous year. The whole number of stamps made for the United States Government last year amounted to three hundred and seventy-six million.

"RARE AND OBSOLETE STAMPS" with a variety of other interesting matter crowded out this month, will appear in our next.

Forged Stamps:

FROM

"FORGED STAMPS: HOW TO DETECT THEM,"

BY

MESSEURS, THORNTON LEWIS, AND EDWARD PEMBERTON.

Last month the forgeries of ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION, BAVARIA, and GRENADA CONFEDERATION, were described. We will now take up those of the

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

1860—name, (Hawaiian Postage,) figure indicating value, 1 cent blue.

GENUINE.

1. The letter "C" in "cents" is *very broad*, and all the letters are thin and neat.
2. The figure 1 is firm and neat; the stroke at the top of it is thick and long.

This stamp is so simple in design, that it is extremely difficult to describe differences which will be best understood by comparison with undoubtedly genuine specimens. It should, however, be borne in mind, that if the letters are very clear, and the letter "C" remarkably broad, the stamp is probably genuine.

2 CENTS, BLACK.

GENUINE.

1. The figure 2 is elegantly executed. The little black line at the left hand bottom corner pointed to the letter "C" in "cents."

2. The letter "C" in "cents" is *remarkably broad*.

3. After the word "cents" there is a *large full stop*.

FORGED.

1. The letter "C" in "cents" is *not remarkably broad*, and the letters are thick and smudged.
2. The figure 1 is not so clearly defined; the stroke at the top is thin and short.

FORGED.

1. The figure 2 is wretchedly done. The top hangs over in an ungraceful curve, the body ought to be thinner, and the little black line at the left hand bottom curve of the figure, points to the figure 2 at the bottom.

2. The letter "C" in "cents" *not remarkably broad*.

3. After the word "cents" there is a *small full stop*.

1860—blue 5 cents; bust of King Kamehameha III.

GENUINE.

1. The "S" in "cents" *perpendicular*.
2. The King's nose, formed on the left side, by a *curved line*.
3. The whole face but the nose is dotted so as to leave no white space.
4. The leaves on the King's coat are long, and at a proper distance from each other.
5. At the side of the leaves is a ring of *six buttons, white, and very distinct*.

6. Background composed of crossed lines, very dark and close to each other.

7. The collar is close and open in front. There is a dark blue triangular space between the two ends of the collar and the chin.

8. On the King's right arm, *i. e.*, in the left hand corner, is a white spot, all the rest of the arm being shaded off.

9. On the blue line above the words "Five Cts.," are *two little blue dots*, one just over the end of the "F," and the other between the "T" and "S."

FORGED.

1. The "S" in "cents" *falls over to the left*.

2. *No line* on the nose, which is merely indicated by dots.

3. There is a white space free from dots under left side of mouth.

4. The leaves on the King's coat are shorter and very close to each other.

5. The buttons are very *indistinct*, only three or four can be counted with certainty.

6. The lines are wider apart.

7. The collar is tighter, and closed, or nearly so, in front.

8. On each arm there is a distinct white line, contrasting strongly with the background where it touches it.

9. *No blue dots*.

The forgery is usually printed on white paper, whereas the genuine one is commonly on blue paper. The genuine impression on white paper is very rare. There is also a photograph of the 5 cents, brownish black, in circulation.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. R.—You will confer a favor by forwarding the stamp you describe for our inspection. After seeing it we may be able to give you all the information about it you desire.

L. M.—Your enigma is not suitable for our columns, as there is nothing in it, whatever, that has any relation to stamps or stamp collectors.

LYMAN, H. B., *New Haven, Ct.*—The amount you sent us pays only for *eight* months instead of *twelve*. The subscription price is seventy-five cents in U. S. currency, and *not* fifty cents.

S. M., *Watertown, N. Y.*—We have never seen it.

F. B., *Boston, Mass.*—We will send you 10 copies each month for one year, for \$4.00 New Brunswick currency, in advance, that is our club rates, and all the papers must be sent to one address, otherwise the charge will be \$5.00.

E. S., *Portland.*—Yours is a very well written article, but *no* quite up to the standard of this paper; yet in time, with a little care, you might be able to hand us in something that would prove more acceptable; for the present, however, your *effusion* is respectfully declined, with thanks.

R. A., *Moncton, N. B.*—If you write to Mr. M. Bennett, Jr., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., he will give you all the information you wish as to when his new Album will be issued, the price of it, &c.

F. L.—The American Bank Note Company *did* engrave the present issue of the New Brunswick postage stamps, therefore you are wrong, and your friend is right.

*Several letters stand over to be answered in our next.

ENIGMA.

I consist of two words of 17 letters.
 My 3, 7, 11, 9, 15, 7, 8, 16, 6, practising robbery.
 " 14, 2, 8, 15, 9, 11, 12, 14, 2, a kind of plum.
 " 11, 2, 15, 9, 7, 14, 13, 1, a dependant.
 " 8, 9, 17, 12, 5, 2, 1, capacity.
 " 11, 13, 17, 9, 15, 7, 10, 14, a narrative.
 " 16, 3, 1, 12, 8, 10, 15, a species of fruit.
 " 5, 4, 17, 6, 13, 15, a projectile.
 My whole is the inscription on a South American stamp.

[Answer next month.] N.

Answer to enigma in our last: *Stamp Collecting*.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

LAWRENCE DANTON, THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONTINUED.]

"There is nothing so hard in poesy as a beginning," says one who knew, notwithstanding he had written folios of passionate and beautiful poetry. But this remark is especially applicable to those novices who, young in art, have yet to master the difficulties of prose composition. And yet no man can write it well who has not in some measure the instinct of the poet, his subtle fancy, his warm imagination, and that constructive quality of mind which enables one to write in an easy, flowing, and natural manner. Art is often but not always allied with great ability. This thought suggested itself to my mind at the commencement of this chapter, and the difficulty of embodying into proper expression the various incidents in our tale, arises chiefly from the lack of that art so necessary to all who would represent on the written page forms calculated to excite the imagination, or interest the reader.

There are many writers who have the faculty of magnificent and glowing conception, yet lack expression. Such a great German author calls "the dumb ones of heaven." But to our tale. After a walk of some minutes, Gordon directed me to a favourite seat beneath one of the largest trees, where he always in a talkative mood disclosed to me some interesting news connected with scenes of a previous evening, and in which he took a not unwilling part. "I have been thinking to-day," said he, "of leaving these shores and taking up my permanent residence in the States. To an ambitious man of education and ability, who contemns the sordid and worldly spirit of money-making, and who is anxious to improve his mental character, and gratify the feelings of a student, it seems to me there is no country so peculiarly attractive as a place of residence. Recollect, I speak of those who have an object to attain, and are desirous of winning renown in the path of literature,

science, and art, and not of the mere self-satisfied egotistic and sensitive recluse. Small societies offer better advantages to mould and form character than large ones; but when once the mind is matured, and habits calculated to ensure success are formed, there it seems to me advancement will be rapid to those who have the ambition and talent to exert themselves, so many are the roads to distinction and honour. And as regards a mercantile life, what advantages are there combined for a good education as a means to the amassment of wealth, and the gaining of position and influence?"

"All this may be perfectly true," I replied, "but the institutions under which the people live, arising from their form of government, and which has a great deal to do towards forming their character as a people, present to my mind an insuperable objection to the country as a place of residence. I speak of those who have been educated under English institutions, not at all denying the many excellent qualities which exist in their form of government, which I regard as one of the noblest in the world. But they lack the highest elements of character which finds its just representation under English institutions, and which has been the means of preserving their country entire through two successive revolutions. We have had some very interesting books on England and its institutions, by American authors, but the best I have ever read is that by Emerson, entitled, 'English Fruits.' I would advise you to read it if you have not already availed yourself of the opportunity. A bright era of wealth and prosperity is about to dawn on the great republic, compared to which the progress of all other countries sinks into mere insignificance. But let me not enlarge on this now; it is time we should visit Miss Vernon, who will, no doubt, be expecting a call." "Yes," said Gordon, "and it pains me to think, after the thoughtful discussion we have held here for so long a time, that we shall finally have to descend to the common place talk about postage stamps. I cannot conceive how Danton, well-read, thoughtful, and intelligent as he appears to be, can be so fond of the society of one who manifests such a love for trifles. But then, in this case, the aphorism is true love is blind." "Yes," I replied, "and where any demand upon his heart is made, and where his affections are enlisted, there he is a mere child. O how well the fine, delicate perception of a woman enables her to read the susceptible heart of a bashful lover by whom she is beloved." Saying this, I took the arm of my friend, and we hurried on. In a few minutes we reached the hotel, situated in one of the principal streets of the city, and patronized chiefly by our American neighbours. "In truth," said Gordon, "it requires a Yankee to keep an hotel." "No doubt," I replied, "you are reminded of our good friend at F—, who performed for us so many acts of kindness last summer. Well, well, it is idle now to recall

what then happened. But let me remind you to say nothing to Danton about our former acquaintance with Miss Vernon." "I shall say nothing about it," replied Gordon, "it is my policy to keep all record of our acquaintance as much of a secret as possible, besides it would not be polite you know to reveal to him the history of our intimacy, upon the strength of which I hope to gain her confidence and esteem. It will be necessary for me to introduce you, as you formerly remarked to me that you had not seen her since last summer. In all probability she may have forgotten you; however, we shall see." Summoning a servant, a rather smart, intelligent young man, Gordon sent to the lady's room two printed cards, and on his return, he politely conducted us up-stairs. We were soon ushered into the room; it was large, splendidly furnished, and exhibited in the arrangement of everything a fastidious refinement and taste. Large and costly pictures adorned the walls, while a small marble bust of Lincoln stood upon the table. There was no gas burning, but the windows were raised, and the curtains drawn to one side to let in the soft mellow light of the summer moon, which brought into distinct and ghost-like relief the shadowy form of her who sat before us. She seemed like a spirit sitting in the room, quiet and motionless, arrayed in a light summer dress, with the mellow rays of the moon glistening on the locks of wavy, golden hair, which shadowed her brow. Miss Vernon possessed the highest type of beauty. She was tall and graceful, with a moderate fullness of figure, a clear, pale complexion, suffused with the roseate tint of health; eyes large and beautiful, and with that peculiar spiritual expression which indicates the highest cultivation of the intellect. The introduction over, and the chandelier lighted, I had a good opportunity of studying the features of our fair friend. At once I recognized the pale, oval face, the rich, golden hair, and the winning, fascinating smile which oft mantled her face in days gone by. Gordon, as usual, was assiduous in his attentions, eliciting information from Boston and New York, the fashions, the theatre, new books, new plays, and a host of other topics, his eyes beaming light, love, and joy. "What time do you propose leaving for F——," I remarked. "You will not, I hope, leave the city without visiting that delightful place, and thus renew the associations of other days?" Her face brightened as I spoke, while an expression of sadness, not unmingled with joy, passed over it, and I saw at once that her mind was absorbed in other scenes. "We intend leaving to-morrow," she faintly replied, "and if the weather is propitious, will probably go in the night boat, and thus enjoy a moonlight excursion on the river. There is quite a large party from the hotel who purpose going the same time, and I have no doubt the trip will be a pleasant one. Mr. Danton, whom I expect this evening, resides in F——, and has kindly consented to

act as *cicerone*. He has spoken of you in a kindly manner, and sincerely values your friendship." "Yes," I calmly replied, "we have been long attached to each other, both at home and abroad, and I may here mention that before I had heard of your arrival in the city, we had formed the plan of visiting together some of the beautiful places in the country, endeared by recollections of friendship—" "And no doubt of love," Gordon jocosely replied. "But it gives me exceeding pleasure to think that you purpose going at the time you mention, because I intend to avail myself of the same opportunity, and hope that nothing may occur to mar the enjoyment of the trip." "O that will be delightful; there is nothing like company when one is travelling," replied Miss Vernon, in the natural and vivacious manner so common to her, "it does so much beguile the tedium and monotony and *ennui* of a lengthy confinement, either in the steamboat or rail-car." "Yet," replied Gordon, "there is a compensatory advantage in being 'cabin'd, cribb'd, confin'd,' for several days or weeks on sea or land. It seems to me that all the prominent traits of character then reveal themselves; the thoughtful become decidedly philosophical, especially when alone; the humorous quite jocosely and jolly, and the proud more *distract* and gloomy than when on shore. It is, in fact, a capital place, the steamboat, for studying the fine and delicate shades of character which oft reveal themselves to the eye of the calm and practical observer." "All this may be true," replied Miss Vernon, "when applied to the young and inexperienced, and as you appear to have observed closely, and have, no doubt, travelled much, we shall not dissent from what may appear to you an established truth."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK, DECEMBER, 1865:

[PRICE 5 CTS.]

WITH this number we begin the second half year of our existence. Six months have elapsed since we—to use a common expression—first saw the light; and during the brief space of time that we have been amongst our friends, numerous changes in the postal arrangements of the various countries employing stamps throughout the world have taken place. We have long and anxiously awaited the coming of that new issue of Prince Edward Island, of which we have heard so much. Perhaps the Post Office department of that colony mean to give their loyal countrymen a surprise, and send forth their new stamps when they are least expected; or they may intend them for a New Year's gift for the benefit of collectors. We think that they are waiting until confederation is accomplished. Whatever they purpose doing, however, they are long enough about it. We were promised a new issue for the United States, but these also are behindhand. In regard to our own province, we have a suggestion to make which we hope our government will take in hand as soon as their broken ranks are filled and they can do so conveniently. Canada, as many of our readers are aware, employs envelope stamps of the denomination of five cents for colonial use, and ten cents for postage to the United States. The color of the former is vermillion, and of the latter, chocolate. They are both printed on *white* paper, and present a fine appearance. These two stamps we have seen on *buff* paper, but, according to the best authorities, these have been pronounced forgeries. In our last we quoted from an exchange that the set of essays of envelopes which were intended for Nova Scotia, were out. Is New Brunswick going to be beaten by Nova Scotia and Canada? We hope not. Then, why cannot we have envelopes? They are very useful to merchants and those having large correspondence, who would, we feel confident, purchase large quantities of them, as much time and trouble are saved by their use, and no little inconvenience. The plan has been found to work well both in Canada and the United States, and, in fact, in every country that uses them. Immense numbers would likewise be sold to collectors of postage stamps, which is pure gain, as those disposed of for that purpose will never be used for postage. When our present two cents stamp was issued, (1863,) innumerable quantities of

them were eagerly bought up and sent to England, from which place they were exported all over the world where stamp collecting exists. Even now, so great is the demand, that orders are being constantly sent to be filled, and nearly every mail that leaves for Great Britain and Europe carries with it large packets of them. When Canada and Nova Scotia in turn issued their two cents stamps, the same result followed; for there are vast numbers of collectors throughout the globe who greedily grasp hold of every new stamp that is issued, and still pant for more. Much in the same manner as a miser hoards up his gold, does a *philatelist* treasure up his coveted album of "useless bits of paper," as they are very improperly called by the persons to whom the point of stamp collecting is not very perceptible.

Some people are uncharitable enough to suppose that frequent issues are made by the petty governments of Europe for the purpose of helping their exchequer from extra sales to collectors. But we do not wish it to be understood that our government should issue envelope stamps for that purpose. No. We want them for their extreme usefulness alone. If we ever have them—and we hope the day is not far distant WHEN WE WILL—we hope that the engraving will equal in every respect our present beautiful and much admired issue of postal adhesives.

THE PRESS has our thanks for their many kind notices of us on our enlargement. We should like to publish a few of these opinions just to let our readers know what outsiders think of us, but want of space compels us to relinquish the idea. However, we *may* have room some of these days, and then look out for something startling.

THE *Coin and Stamp Journal*, of Chicago, has not ceased to exist, but is out as usual. Its November number is printed on fine paper, and its whole typographical appearance has been changed. We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Mason upon the great improvements he has made.

THE *Stamp Argus* has been enlarged. Its editorials are well written, and altogether it reflects credit upon its talented editor.

Newly Issued Stamps.

DENMARK.—In our last number we noted the appearance of a new 2 skilling stamp for this country. It is now our pleasing duty to chronicle the advent of another new postal label, viz., that of the 3 skilling, *lilac*, colored impression on white paper, perforated. It will be observed by the annexed engraving, that in design it is the same as those of the present issue.



PERSIA.—A new stamp is said to have been issued, but in the absence of reliable information, a description will suffice. In the centre is a tastily ornamented oval, in which is the figure of a lion holding a sword, and above, the sun; the value is indicated in the four corners; *blue* impression on white paper, and perforated. A single variety only has come under our notice.

BRUNSWICK.—A new $\frac{1}{8}$ s. gr., *black*, has just come out.

FRENCH COLONIES.—We understand that two new stamps have appeared which have long been expected, 20c. *blue*, and 80c. *rose*.

SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN.—The 4 sk. *bistre*, has lately been issued, and the set is now complete. The two duchies are separately issuing stamps of the same value as those issued by them unitedly.

GREECE.—The 40 lepta, formerly *mauve*, is now *violet red*.

EAST INDIA.—The 2 annas, *yellow*, is changed to *rose-lilac*. A contemporary mentions the fact that a new issue, having an elephant in the centre, is out; the values of them are: $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, *lilac*, 1 anna, *brown*, 2 annas, *light yellow*, 4 annas, *green*; also, 8 pies, and 8 annas, but these differ slightly from the others.

THURN AND TAXIS.—The 3 and 9 kr. are now perforated.

The following changes in color are noticed:—

BARBADOES.—4d., (no value indicated,) *rose-red* to *brickish-red*, and CEYLON 2d, perforated, *emerald green* to *dark green*.

MECKLENBERG SCHWERIN.—A 3 sch., *yellow*, envelope, same design as last issue.

LUXEMBURG.—We learn that the following new stamps will be issued:—1 centime, *brown*, 10c. *lilac*, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., *rose*, 25c. *blue*, and 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *brown*. They will all be perforated.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—In our notice of the new stamps of these islands last month, we quite unintentionally omitted to inform our readers that the 1 and 2 cents, (figure,) in addition to their being printed on *blue* paper, are also printed on *green* paper. We trust this omission will be overlooked, as we did not discover it until after our paper had gone to press.

✓ NEW UNITED STATES LOCAL.—We have just received a new local from this very fertile coun-

try. Design—head of an Indian princess, (we presume,) to the left is a square frame, WEST-ERVELT's at top, POST below, CHESTER at left, and N. Y. at right side; colors, *pink*, *red* on *pink*, *black* on *pink*, and *black* on *white*.

Postal Chat-Chat.

POSTAGE STAMPS to the value of \$1252.95 $\frac{1}{2}$ were sold at the Post Office, St. John, New Brunswick, during the month of October, 1865.

It is said that a much larger number of newspapers passed through the Post Office during the week of Lord Palmerston's death than has been known since the death of the Duke of Wellington.

THE overland mail route to Salt Lake City costs the United States Government \$385,000 annually. The postal receipts are \$6,200.

THE receipts of the U.S. Post Office Department for the last fiscal year exceeded the expenditure eight hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.

ONLY three hundred bids were received by the United States Post Office department, to supply the eight hundred mail routes advertised to be let in the Southern States.

THE Postal Revenue in the loyal States for the past year was greater than that of all the States before the war.

A LARGE number of women have been appointed in the Post Offices South, on account of the impossibility of men to take the oath.

ONE house in this city sent four flour barrels full of letters to the Post Office Thursday, the postage on which amounted to \$500—*Boston Journal*, Nov. 14.

WE received last month (although too late for review,) the first number of the *Preston Curiosity Collector's Magazine*. It contains twelve pages of very interesting information, not only to those collecting stamps, but also to collectors of coins, crests, autographs, &c. Quite a large portion of this new publication is devoted to autographs. We have in number one the *fac simile* hand-writing and signatures of His Royal Highness Edward Duke of Kent, Charles James, Matthews the comedian, Madame Adelaide, George Frederick Handel, the great musician, and Lady Stafford; "Newly Issued Stamps," "Reviews," "Exchange Department," "Notes on German Stamps, and their Forgeries," "Coin Collecting." The "Introductory" and "Advertisements" fill the remaining pages.

OWING to the large number of advertisements that appear in this month's *Gazette*, we are unable, through want of space, to insert "RARE AND OBSOLETE STAMPS," but will do so at the earliest opportunity. Several items that have also been crowded out this issue, we will try to find room for in our next.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 40 letters.

My 8, 18, 32, 29, 14, is what no collector should be without.

" 13, 16, 36, 38, 19, 31, 34, 27, is the name of a gentleman whose advertisement appears in this month's *Gazette*.

" 22, 2, 40, 11, 7, 27, 14, 4, 34, 24, 9, 29, 25, is the name of a postal publication.

" 24, 30, 15, 29, 32, 37, 38, 21, 27, 17, 24, 38, 10, 39, 12, 27, 37, is the inscription on a postage stamp.

" 1, 2, 20, 35, 5, 28, 39, 3, 18, 31, 10, 6, 11, 27, 33, is a stamp that commands a high price.

" 6, 38, 10, 24, 24, 13, 31, 40, 23, 28, 3, is a country that at present employs but one stamp.

My whole is a book that every collector should have.

[Answer next month.]

Answer to enigma in our last: "REPUBLICA ORIENTAL." We received 21 correct solutions.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. B., New York, U. S. A.—Your letter is received, and agreeable to your instructions the advertisement you mention has been taken out until we hear something further concerning it from the gentleman who is mostly interested. You ask us to publish your letter: this we would willingly do, but as the one you sent us looks more like an advertisement of yourself, we decline doing so unless the cash, (at our regular advertising rates, five cents per line,) accompanies it.

A. C. K., Yarmouth, N. S.—Your answer to the enigma in our last is correct. The inscription, (*Republica Oriental*), will be found on the Montevideo stamps of the issue of April, 1864.

R. W. McL., Montreal, C. E.—Yes, we are quite willing that you should do so.

G. W. J., N. S.—We sent you the present address of the gent referred to, and hope that you will succeed in obtaining your money or equivalent. In regard to the stamp paper of which you say you would like to see a copy: we must inform you that it has died out three or four months ago. We should like to hear from you again. Can you obtain for us any 1d, 3d, and 1 shilling Nova Scotia, old issue? if so please inform us at what price you will sell them.

P. P. L., Carleton, N. B.—Of course it is! You are quite right, it is the easiest thing in the world to edit a stamp paper; all you have got to do is to try it. Just set your mind to anything and you will accomplish wonders.

F. T., Charlottetown, P. E. I.—You can remit us two shillings and six-pence in unused stamps of Prince Edward Island for one year's subscription to this paper.

H. R. and others, Halifax, N. S.—Unused Nova Scotia stamps taken to any amount for subscription to the *Gazette*.

W. F. H., St. John, N. B.—The stamp you forwarded can be procured almost any time but more especially on the 24th May, when fire crackers are consumed. The red label (that is affixed to each pack), containing the Chinese characters, is cut into 8 or 10 pieces, and then sold to young collectors as Japanese stamps. These absurdities are only sold to very young collectors, and generally fetch such prices as two and three cents each.

F. B., Boston, Mass.—Money received. Will send 10 copies of the *Gazette* as requested. The "Baldwin's Rail Road Postage" label, which you say you purchased from ———, Boston, is *bogus*. No such stamp was ever issued or used in New Brunswick. You should be careful with whom you deal.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

LAWRENCE DANTON,
THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONTINUED.]

At the conclusion of this remark I glanced at Gordon, who slightly colored and looked embarrassed, as though he was endeavouring to comprehend the spirit of the remark. Nothing daunted, however, he continued to converse in his usual pleasing manner, interrupted only by a casual remark from myself. At this time a knock was heard at the door, and a servant entered, delivering into the hand of our *protege* a card enclosed in an envelope. A beautiful smile illumined her face as she read. "Show the gentleman in," she remarked, and in a few minutes Danton entered. His manner was extremely shy and diffident, which, to the superficial observer, would be regarded as the bearing of genuine modesty, arising from a total lack of self-composure, which none but he who has mingled often in society can sufficiently acquire. But I attribute his manner to other feelings than that of modesty or diffidence: Danton was in love, and in a man of powerful feelings, in the presence of his idol, who has not learned to control his heart, no other feeling will so plainly reveal itself in his manner, or be so apparent to the mind of others. On observing Gordon and myself, he politely bowed, and as the conversation became interesting, his usual taciturnity and reserve forsook him, and he talked on a variety of topics in an original, eloquent, and feeling manner. At times it was pleasing to notice the changeful play of his features, and the light that shone in his large, thoughtful gray eyes. He prided himself on his conversational ability, and always aimed at purity of expression, but in general society could never conquer a feeling of timidity which kept him in the background; and as I looked at his fine countenance, "sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought," I could not avoid thinking how in many persons this feeling had destroyed the finest energies of the mind, keeping merit from advancing to places of influence and power, to be occupied only by *charlatans* and unscrupulous pretenders. "Do you think of returning to F—— to-morrow," said Gordon to Danton. "If the weather is favourable," he replied, "we intend going, that is, Miss Vernon [here he looked at her and smiled.] and another lady, accompanied by my friend Mr. Morton. We anticipate a good time, and should be happy to have you accompany us." "Yes," said Gordon, "Mr. Morton was speaking to me of your contemplated visit, and expressed a desire to have me accompany him, so I at once concluded to go." "Ah, very well," said Danton, "we shall see you before starting if nothing of ill consequence happens. How much we do live in

the future; hope is indeed the herald of the present, and the present the admonisher of the past. 'Those juggling fiends,' as Macbeth says, 'oft keep the word of promise to our ear, and break it to our hope.' " "You seem, Mr. Danton," said Miss Vernon, "to be very well acquainted with Shakespeare, the prince of poets. I suppose you prefer imaginative writings to the abstract deductions of philosophy, or the practical illustrations of science?" "I value all as indispensably necessary to the student of nature, who looks upon education but as stepping-stones by which he may ascend to obtain larger and nobler views of nature's truth. The old adage of 'too many irons in the fire,' conveys an abominable lie; do you not think so, Miss Vernon?" "Perhaps so," she calmly replied, "it is a very weighty question, so I shall leave it to Mr. Gordon to decide for me." Danton looked gloomy and perplexed, no doubt thinking it was time either to start or approach the discussion of postage stamps. Leaving him in company with the lady, we politely bowed and retired, promising to meet him on the morrow for the purpose of arranging our plans and buying supplies for the intended trip to F..... and the surrounding country.

Alone with her loved, a vague, undefined feeling rose in his heart, which I will not attempt to analyze. It was a feeling of sadness, despondency, and doubt, peculiar to a lover's state of mind; and which those only have felt, who, like Danton, lack the courage and self-command to disclose the love they feel. Twice he essayed to speak, but could not; something rested on him which he had not the power to throw off—a nameless, undefined fear, governed all his thoughts. At last he ventured to speak, to tell her how much he loved her, and how dear her society had become to him. In ordinary society, cautious, taciturn, and reserved, he now became inspired with the noblest self-possession, and the declaration which he then made, couched in the most appropriate language, did honour to himself, both as a gentleman and a scholar, and was well calculated to make a deep impression on the heart. But Miss Vernon seemed not to hear the magic melody of his voice; her large, dreamy eyes seemed gazing at other scenes, and only at the conclusion of his speech did she look up, merely remarking that his language surprised her. "I hope Mr. Danton," said she, "that you will not presume too much on the friendship which has thus far existed between us. I have always entertained sentiments of the highest respect and esteem for your character, but this shall not deter me from disclosing to you the love I bear for another. Therefore, I hope you will speak no further of this: make no apology: the mistake you have made is one which I much regret, but my heart has already centered its affections on one worthy, in my estimation, of any woman's love." At the conclusion of her remarks, Danton was in no mood for reply; the tone of her voice, low,

distinct, and clear, and the sincere, truthful, manner in which she spoke, made on his heart a deep impression, which would not soon be effaced. A reply, however he did make, which is not worth repeating here; their conversation soon changed to other topics.

From that time forth Danton made no exertion whatever to please when in her society. His sensitive spirit was deeply wounded by the revelation then made; but his pride sustained him in brooding over all the woes incident to his hopeless passion. The craving for sympathy is one of the strongest feelings in our nature, and to a mind constituted as Danton's was, became, at times, extremely powerful, making him soft, luxurious, and effeminate in character. After conversing for some time, with Miss Vernon, he bade her adieu, with that polite and winning tenderness of manner so natural to him.

On the next day the party started for F....., and Gordon was very assiduous in his attention to Miss Vernon, pointing out as we sailed along, the placid waters of the river, the beautiful and diversified scenery of the country. "Oh!" cried she, "for a ramble through those broad, luxuriant valleys, and forest-crowned hills, and feel the breeze stirring in our uplifted hair." "It is to be hoped," said Gordon, "that you may realize and enjoy all the beauty, pleasure, and freedom of a country life."

Quite an animated discussion was kept up among the party in regard to the beauties of the Hudson river and St John, and despite what art had done for the former, the palm must, and always will be awarded to our own noble river, for it contains scenery acknowledged by tourist and traveller to be the most beautiful in the world.

Danton seemed more reserved and thoughtful than usual, and seemed to take but little interest in the conversation of those around; only at times, when a remark was addressed to himself, would he venture to make a reply. Absorbed in the page of a book, he sat near the wheel-house of the steamer, his head inclined on the railing, and gazed now and then at the luxuriant meadows through which we passed, or the deep far shadows of the surrounding hills. At last we arrived at F....., and took lodgings at the principal hotel in the town, and the next day started for the woods. Danton remained in F....., beguiling the time as best he could; but it was observed, by even his relatives and friends, that his accustomed cheerfulness had left him, and that melancholy had settled like a dark cloud upon his character, but they knew not that he bore "a life long hunger in his heart." "Who is that young man with such an expressive face, whom you introduced to me yesterday on board the steamer," enquired Mr Charlton of Miss Vernon, at the breakfast table next morning. The speaker was a young man very fashionably attired, and bore on his countenance the marks of a life of dissipation and of sorrow. He had come on a trip to the province for the

purpose of recruiting his health, and in early life had been betrothed to Miss Vernon. "He is a gentleman of wealth and position, a lawyer by profession, and is said to be a person of undoubted ability in the circle in which he moves." "Poor Mr Danton," she laughingly replied, "sighs for a congenial spirit, talks a great deal about the want of sympathy in some persons, and affects platonic philosophy. He is a great admirer of the fine arts, and imbued with a great desire for learning, and is said to be very highly cultivated." "Indeed," said Charlton, "I should be happy to enjoy the pleasure of a more intimate acquaintance with your talented friend," "But come let us take a walk, and perhaps we may meet him."

At the entrance of the door, on going out, Miss Vernon met with a distant relative from the town of W....., who had left home for the purpose of meeting her; and the two ladies after affectionately embracing one another, went up stairs to the parlour, and sat down quietly to talk on the associations and joys of other days.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

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A NEW YEAR ADDRESS

DEDICATED TO THE PATRONS OF THE

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Once more we hail the glad New Year,
And gather round the joyous hearth;
Once more lov'd friends, from far and near,
Do come to join us in our mirth;
And while we sing the songs of old,
And talk of other days gone by,
We'll tell the tales our fathers told
With festive mirth and melody.

Ring, happy bells, ring in the day,
The good old custom changeth not;
The dear old year has passed away—
Let envy, strife, be all forgot;
May peace her wand of love extend,
And scatter blessings far and near,
And bind the hearts of foe and friend
To acts of charity sincere,

Time passes on with fleeting wing,
And buries all life's grief and woe;
Remembrance like a flower doth spring,
With perfum'd joys of long ago.
But hope, like a bright beacon light,
Still cheers the toil-worn wanderer home—
It burns thro' life's dark toilsome night,
Where'er on earth our feet may roam.

The past recalls the dreams of youth,
And boyhood's happy social days,
When all was innocence and truth,
And not a cloud obscur'd love's rays.
Our hours of joy flow'd calmly on,
Like some sweet, gentle murmuring stream;
For us the sun most warmly shone,
And cloth'd with beauty every scene.

But soon we learn, as years go by,
There's work for every one to do;
'Tis vain to cross the arms and sigh,
We must awake and battle too.
Toil is the lot of all who live,
Who strive for honor or reward;
For duty's watchword do we give
Our years of strength, her name to guard.

The year that now has hurrying fled
Has heard the widow's, orphan's, cry,
From fields where lay the ghastly dead,
Where dark Potomac's waters sigh.
But now peace dawns o'er all that land,
For slavery's stain is wash'd away;
And freemen still to freemen stand,
And now no more each other slay.

The good, the valiant, and the wise,
Are gone,—mourned throughout the land;
One in a western prairie lies,
Slain by the base assassin's hand.
He served his country long and well,
And lead, in truth, a stainless life;
And died, as must sad history tell,
A prey to fratricidal strife.

And England mourns her PALMERSTON,
The courteous lord, the statesman sage,
Who in the senate victories won,
Rever'd and honor'd by the age.
He made his country lov'd abroad,
And fear'd by all both far and near;
His fame like all the truths of God,
Will brighter burn from year to year.

Long may our country ever boast,
Her peers of genius and of fame,
And men to guard her rock-bound coast,
From dastards of ignoble name.
May power and knowledge still increase,
Her wealth and prestige never die,
And like a shaft of light may peace
Illume her shores as years go by.

What triumphs crown lov'd Britain's name—
Her sons of science wander far—
In every land is rung their fame—
The men of peace, the men of war.
What lessons may not the young discern
In studying the lives they lead;
While with fond love and hope they learn
Truths from the living and the dead.

Beneath the ocean's stormy wave
The cable lies which yet may bind
Two nations valiant, free and brave,
In laws and language of one kind,
God grant that this work may be done
'Twill usher in the years of peace,
Strife shall not count of victories won
For knowledge—virtue will increase.

Then will no demigods prevail,
Or fanatics shout wild with joy,
Nor traitors hiss, and sneer, and rail;
These will the power of truth destroy.
For freedom, widening as truth grows,
Will shame the dastards from the land,
And banish all usurping foes,
Who'll quickly flee at her command.

Our country's star still gleams on high,
But brighter rays will soon appear,—
The morning dawn will greet our eye,
Which soon shall break in glory here;
For progress ever keeps apace,
With knowledge teaching many things,—
We shall not linger in the race,
When every heart with gladness sings.

The STAMP GAZETTE now bids good-bye
To all its Patrons far and near:
Our lay is sung, we pass away,
To meet again some future year.
Our mission may none e'er forget,
But STAMP it in your memory deep,
We bear the toil and you the debt—
The benefit we both shall reap.

CANADIAN ENVELOPES.

Most of our readers are aware that for some time past Canadian envelopes, embossed on buff or yellow paper, have been freely offered for sale, both in this country and in Europe; that latterly doubts have arisen respecting the genuineness of these envelopes, and that more recently still, they have been denounced as forgeries. The *S. C. Magazine* for August has an able article on the subject, in the course of which the editor says that he, however, is "convinced of the real genuine character of the envelopes on yellow paper." This opinion is formed, it appears, by a close inspection of the envelope itself; but it is needless for us to repeat the reasons adduced by the *Magazine* for its belief. They are at least ingenious and plausible, and would, no doubt, go a great way in carrying conviction to the doubting mind in the absence of other and stronger evidence of an opposite character. Being somewhat puzzled ourselves, and anxious for our own sake, as well as for the information of our readers, that this puzzling question should be satisfactorily solved one way or another, we took the liberty of addressing the Postmaster General of Canada on the subject, and by a letter written on the 6th ult., by W. H. Griffin, Esq., D. P. M. G., we are authoritatively informed "that no stamped envelopes on buff paper have ever been issued by the Canada P. O. Department." It appears, therefore, notwithstanding the opinion of the *Magazine*, that those envelopes are only cleverly executed forgeries, no matter by what dies, or by whom printed, and buyers should govern themselves accordingly.

FENIAN STAMPS.

We have lately observed in one stamp journal, that as Fenian bonds have been issued, it might be presumed that "a postage stamp will follow in due course," while another informs its readers, "from a private letter," that "the Fenian Brotherhood stamp is in a state of preparation." From what source these journals have received their information we are at a loss

to imagine. We have read carefully the reported proceedings of the "Brotherhood," but have failed to discover one word about postage stamps, and we rather suspect that until the great dispute is ended about the presidency of the paper republic, that the "senators" and "head centres" will have something else to think about than such trifles. We would not be surprised, however, if some enterprising but not over-scrupulous dealer, did really succeed in getting what he would call "*Fenian stamps*." Indeed, from the quasi-official announcement made in some quarters, we would not be at all astonished if we saw this new stamp advertised. Should this be the case, we hope that those journals which now appear to be in the secret of their preparation, will condescend to furnish their readers and the public with satisfactory evidence of their authenticity. Without this we would caution our subscribers and all collectors to beware of imposition.

G. W. WINTERBURN & Co.'s STAMP CIRCULAR," is the title of a new paper devoted to timbrophily, published at Cincinnati. No. 1 appeared on 26th November last, and contains much really valuable information. We bid it welcome, and hope that it will continue as it has begun, to expose without mercy stamp forgers and forgeries. In the number before us two columns are filled with information on this subject, which should be read and known by every stamp collector. "Newly Issued Stamps" also occupy a prominent place, and are correctly and clearly described. The selected matter evinces much good taste and judgment, and to the general reader will, no doubt, prove very acceptable. The *Circular* is handsomely printed on fine white paper, and is to be continued monthly.

WE have received No. 1 of the *Collector's Circular*, a new monthly, which made its first appearance on the 6th December, 1865. It looks well, is neatly printed, and will prove a valuable auxiliary to the stamp collector.—Published at 2s. per annum, by Messrs. Industria & Co., of Preston.

Newly Issued Stamps.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We take great pleasure



in placing before our numerous readers a representation of the new thirteen cent stamp for this colony. The color of it is yellow. The whole set has just been issued, and a full and

reliable description will be given next month. It will be seen that as the decimal currency has been adopted in Newfoundland, the stamps now bear their respective value in *cents* instead of *pence* as formerly.

NEW ZEALAND.—A 4d., *rose*, same design as those now in use, has just been issued.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The 1s. is now *red-brown*.

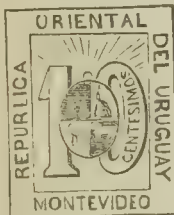
BELGIUM.—The 30c., *bistre*, and 1 franc, *lilac*, of this country were issued in November last. The other new ones are: 1 centime, *grey*, 2c., *blue*, 5c., *bistre*, (bearing the Royal arms), 10c., *grey*, 20c., *blue*, 30c., *white*, 40c., *carmine*, and 1 franc, *lilac*, (having the head of King Leopold).

✓ UNITED STATES.—Three new stamps for the carrying of newspapers outside the mails, have been issued: 5c. *blue*, 10c. *green*, and 25c. *red*.

BRUNSWICK.—½ groschen, *black*, 1 gr., *rose*, 3 gr., *blue*, and 3 gr., *bistre*, are the values of the new issue for this country.

SCHLESWIG.—The new issue numbers five varieties, the same as Holstein, also same colors and values. There is to be noticed a few slight changes in the colors of each of these sets, but they are of little or no consequence.

MONTEVIDEO.—We present our readers with



an engraving of one of the new stamps for Montevideo, that will make their first appearance on January 1st, 1866.—There are four values: 5 cents *blue*, 10c. *green*, 15c. *amarante*, and 20c. *carmine*. Design:—in the centre in large characters, figures indicating value, behind the rising sun, and in the centre of all the arms of the Republic. They are printed and engraved in England.

LUXEMBURG.—The 1 cent, *brown*, 10c., *lilac*, and 25c., *blue*, are now perforated.

EAST INDIA.—The ½ anna envelopes are now printed on sheets of paper, and will, we understand, be used as newspaper stamps. In our last we said that "the 2 annas, *yellow*, was changed to *rose lilac*." We are informed that such is not the case; the color of the stamp was chemically changed to *sell* collectors no doubt.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN.—The inscriptions on the envelopes are now printed nearly double the usual size.

✓ Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

NO. 3.

NOVA SCOTIA.

THE first issue of stamps in this province consisted of a one penny, three-pence, six-pence, and one shilling. They were somewhat uncouth looking, and in design and finish shewed little artistic taste or skill. The one penny was printed in *chocolate* on *white* paper, and differed in almost every particular, except shape, from its *confreres*. The centre figure of this stamp is a portrait of Queen Victoria in lozenge, with a half star on each side of the square. On the upper and lower edges are the words "NOVA SCOTIA," on the left hand side "ONE PENNY," and on the right, "POSTAGE," with a figure 1 at each angle.

The "three pence" was mostly printed in *light blue* on *white* paper, but a small issue was made in *dark blue*, samples of which are now very rare. The centre figure is the crown, surrounded by four stars. A flower rests on each, the rose (England), beneath the crown or opposite lower angle, the shamrock, (Ireland) above, with the thistle (Scotland) on the right hand side, and the May-flower on the left, this latter being emblematic of Nova Scotia as the thistle is of old Scotia.

The design of the "six-pence" and "one shilling" stamp is the same in every particular as the one just described, only the six-pence was printed in *light* and *dark green*, and the shilling *violet*. We have seen it stated that some of the above were printed on *blue tinted* paper, but this has been officially denied, and if any such exist, they must of course be forgeries. We have read in several catalogues that this issue was made in the year 1858, but that is not the case. They were first issued in 1852, and all at the same time. On taking up Dr. Gray's latest illustrated catalogue, we were somewhat surprised to find that this learned gentleman had fallen in to the same error as his predecessors in regard to the year in which these stamps were first brought out. Better if compilers gave no date at all than a wrong one, and we hope that in the next edition of the Doctor's highly interesting and valuable catalogue that this important mistake will be corrected. The present issue of Nova Scotia stamps, with the exception of the two cents, was made in 1860, but as they figure in the album of every Timbrophilist, and are familiar to every collector, no description of them is required.

WE are sorry to learn from the *Curiosity Shop* of Dec. 15, 1865, that that paper will not be published again. The 1st volume, consisting of 6 numbers, can be obtained by remitting 25 cents to Messrs. Haines & Olcott, Chicago. Collectors had better apply immediately, as only a limited number of copies remain.

Postal Chit-Chat.

POSTAGE LABELS sold at Post Office, St. John, N. B., during the month of November, 1865, \$1295.38.

MR. STENHOUSE, the Postmaster of Salt Lake City, has two wives. He has eight children by his first wife and one by the second. Business in that locality must be good. Our Postmasters seem to think that one wife is quite sufficient.

THE mail-bags that left New York Sunday night (3rd Dec.), for Cleveland, Ohio, was stolen in the depot at Cleveland on the evening of the 4th December, 1865.

THE Postal Revenue of the United Kingdom for the year ending September 30, 1865, was £4,210,000.

THE highest inhabited place on the globe is the post-house of Anconia, in Peru, which is nearly 16,000 feet above the sea.

THE FATTEST MAN IN PARIS.—A German named Elb Levy, the largest man in Paris, has just died at the age of fifty-two. At the time of his death he weighed thirty-seven stone twelve pound, although he had been previously somewhat reduced by illness. For many years he had been engaged in Brussels and Paris as correspondent for German journals, but two years back he abandoned that profession, and became a dealer in postage stamps for collectors. — *London Times*, 10th Nov.

A GENTLEMAN recently received an unpaid letter (for which the postman charged him twopence—four cents N. B. currency) commencing—"Sir, your letter of yesterday bears upon its face the stamp of falsehood." His answer was brief, and to the purpose—"Sir, I only wish your letter of yesterday bore upon its face a stamp of any kind."

A POPULAR lecture was given the other night by Mr. John Richardson, C. C., in the vestry hall, Bishopsgate street. His subject was, "The Penny Post, with sketches historical and humorous, of the rise and progress of the Post Office from the earliest formation to the present time." He stated that in the last year of the old postal system, the number of letters passing through the post were only 78,000,000 whereas in 1863 they were 642,000,000. — *Home News*.

THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

Persons desirous of becoming agents for this paper are requested to communicate with the publisher. Terms liberal.

All Postal Publications, Magazines, Catalogues, &c., intended for review, should reach the office of this paper on or before the 25th of each month.

ADVERTISERS are requested to send in their favors not later than the 25th of the month, or as soon before that time as possible. ADVERTISEMENTS to secure attention must invariably be accompanied with the cash.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 60 letters.

My 33, 10, 55, 23, 18, 46, 53, 49, 21, 59, 16, 24, 31, 14, 3, 52, 1, 43, 40, 56, 29, is an inscription on a postage stamp.

" 58, 10, 48, 23, 42, 47, 20, 38, is the name of a stamp dealer whose advertisement *does not* appear in this month's *Gazette*.

" 4, 51, 35, 23, 37, 10, 60, 45, 16, is the name of a country that has issued but three stamps.

" 7, 46, 24, 15, 34, is to be seen on many stamps.

" 50, 9, 13, 26, 12, 47, 25, is what no stamp dealer should do.

" 24, 2, 57, 6, 28, 46, 32, 8, 11, 54, 18, are two colors mostly used in postage stamps.

" 8, 37, 60, 38, 46, 42, 21, 27, 15, 47, 36, 58, 22, 2, 10, 59, 39, 12, 41, 16, 48, 23, 15, 49, 24, 45, 6, is a valuable guide to stamp collectors.

" 30, 11, 51, 17, 5, 54, 25, 12, 9, 46, 37, 18, 27, 14, 47, 16, 55, 8, 19, 49, 21, 48, 10, 60, 43, 20, 28, 57, 1, 29, 26, 40, 42, 44, 45, 25, 39, 4, 58, 15, 16, 28, 8, is a country whose stamps all bear the Queen's head.

My whole is an inscription on a postage stamp.

Answer to enigma in our last: "THE POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MANUAL, BY A. C. KLINE."

ACROSTIC.

No. 1.—The second initial of a gentleman whose advertisement appears in this month's *Gazette*.

No. 2.—A distinguished characteristic of the stamps of the States of the Church.

No. 3.—What collectors should beware of.

No. 4.—Among which may be classed the "Connell."

No. 5.—A country which has, or is about to issue a new set of stamps.

No. 6.—What every collector should be well supplied with, to be successful.

No. 7.—One of the four letters which are to be found on all the Bergedorf stamps.

No. 8.—A term applied to the 12d. Canada.

No. 9.—The colour of one of the higher values of the Cape of Good Hope stamps.

No. 10.—Practised extensively by some stamp dealers.

No. 11.—A country whose stamps have lately become obsolete.

No. 12.—The fate of many a postage stamp.

No. 13.—What collectors generally are.

No. 14.—What can almost be said of the United States stamps.

No. 15.—A country in South America that has lately issued new stamps.

No. 16.—Almost indispensable to the collector.

No. 17.—What every stamp possesses.

The first letter of each will form the inscription on some of the Italian stamps.

N.

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

Otdnrrrrsllhceeeembngt, inscription on a German stamp.

Iooonnseeaacrrl, inscription on an American stamp.

For the first correct answer to *Acrostic* that we receive from our subscribers, we will send 1 set Spanish official, unused.

For the first correct answer to both transpositions, (by the same party), 1 set of French Colonies, unused.

SINGLY—First correct answer, our 25 cent packet containing 50 stamps will be sent.

For the second correct answer, another 25 cent packet will be given.

Remember, subscribers only allowed to compete for the prizes, and all solutions must reach our office before the 25th instant.

NO ROOM.—We hope our young lady subscribers will accept an apology for the non-appearance of another instalment of the serial story which is being published in our columns, but we really had no room for it this time.

CARD.

I HAVE purchased from Mr. C. DAVIDS, late of this city, his entire stock of Foreign and Colonial Stamps, and hope by strict attention to business to have a continuance of that patronage so liberally bestowed upon him. It is stock to be sold very low. I have also just received by the last mail from Europe an immense quantity of Foreign Stamps, used and unused, all of which will be sold very cheap. Orders will receive my personal and prompt attention. All Stamps will be warranted genuine, or no sale. COLONIAL Stamps, old and present issue, always on hand. I will purchase to any amount the current issue of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, all of which must be used and in good condition. Address

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ALL persons indebted to me will confer a favor by making immediate payment to Mr. D. C. DAWSON, my successor, and all parties to whom I am indebted will please present the claims for payment before the 25th of February, 1866.

C. DAVIDS.
St. John, N. B.

C. M. SELTZ, P. O., BOX 3607, BOSTON, MASS., U. S. A., dealer in USED and UNUSED Foreign and Domestic POSTAGE STAMPS. Send stamp for return postage of his list of STAMPS for sale, with the prices annexed, (which are as cheap as the cheapest). Send \$1.50 U. S. currency for his packet of RARE STAMPS. It contains Hong 4 kinds, Turkish several kinds, old issues of Austria and Australian, Italy, Victoria 4 kinds, West Indies 3 kinds, P. E. Island, Newfoundland, Holland, Brunswick, Sweden, Norway, &c., in all 75 stamps, all different, and all genuine.

Address pre-paid as above.
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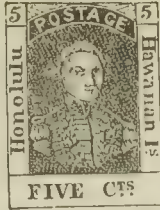
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LAWRENCE DANTON, THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONTINUED.]

OUR party returned from the sporting expedition after three days absence from town, and entering the hotel on the evening of arrival, I observed Danton in close conversation with Mr. Charlton. In a few minutes Miss Vernon entered, followed by Gordon, so we all sat down to a game of whist. I do not think I ever saw *miladi* appear to better advantage; she was dressed in a most becoming costume and talked with so much vivacity of manner and agreeable *bon homie* that it was pleasing to listen to her. "How do you like the appearance of the country," enquired Danton of Charlton. "It is a magnificent country, well wooded and watered," replied the latter, "and containing most beautiful scenery such as would delight the eye of a lover of the beautiful." "I have not been long here, but the acquaintance I have had with the people induces me to think that it would be an agreeable place to live in. I have met since my arrival here the most extreme kindness and hospitality." "Ah! yes," replied Miss Vernon, "I fully endorse your remark; this place, and especially St. John, have become endeared to me, as far as my recollection extends, by the memory of joys and pleasures long since indulged."

"I suppose" said Danton, "you both can appreciate the change, both in custom and in manner, from the society in which it is your lot to dwell; and can also highly enjoy the calm and secluded life of the country to the bustle and noise of the city." "O yes," she replied "it is refreshing to one's spirits; here I can do as I please without experiencing any care, grief, or anxiety. Nothing troubles me; I rise with the faint song of the birds and take my morning walk along the bank of your romantic river, and experience such a thrill of pleasure as all the gaiety and splendour of a New York ball room could not give." "I am glad to

know," said Danton "that you have not been afflicted with society, that your feelings are still fresh, and that your heart is still susceptible of the holy and pure influences of nature." "It has ever been so with me. The love of solitude, and the craving for society, re-act upon the individual; but, after all, I think he is the wisest and happiest who lives oftener in the joys of the former than in the mocking and hollow pleasures of the latter. I delight in the scenes of nature, and prefer Wordsworth and Shelley to any of the poets."

"Indeed," said Danton, "I am pleased to hear that you have spoken of these writers; they are my own favourites, and I hope ere you depart from F ——— to have the pleasure of entering into conversation with you in regard to their several merits, and of showing you some autographs of literary men which I have lately obtained." During this conversation, which continued for some time, Gordon and myself remained seated some distance from the table, the game having been discontinued. Here I had an opportunity to watch the features of Danton, and saw at once how miserably he was the dupe of his feelings. "What a pity," remarked Gordon, "that he has not been benefited by the study of Chesterfield, or some other polite philosophical writer, who would teach him how to conceal his emotions." "Never mind," said I, "time and experience will do that; he has only to be jilted two or three times to enable him to understand the character of woman." At last they approached the question of postage stamps. Miss Vernon having remarked to him that when at some fashionable academy in the States she sometimes beguiled her leisure hours by the collection of stamps; and in order to complete the collection, carried on a correspondence with the editor of a stamp journal in New Brunswick for the purpose of making enquiries about the celebrated Connell stamp. While this conversation was going on I looked now and again at Charlton, and saw that he was intently watching the countenance of Danton. I thought I perceived a dark shade of anger pass over his melancholy features, as Danton's animation and vivacity became more and more apparent in his conversation with Miss Vernon. He thought not

of his last interview with her, of his rejection, disappointment, and sorrow, or the 'pangs of despised love.' The past was forgotten; his love was still as sincere and intense as before, and absorbed all other feelings. The bright rays of his imagination gilded the joys of the present, and spread a glowing halo over the hopes of the future. In such a mood he joined Gordon and the rest of the party for a walk along the banks of the river. The evening was beautiful, the sky clear and cloudless; not a leaf stirred upon the trees, nor a ripple disturbed the placid surface of the river. All was gentle and calm, save the faint murmuring of the distant populace, like the distant roar of the sea, heard in some calm lonely hour, by some solitary wanderer on the shore. "In such an hour as this, when the calm of nature contrasts so painfully with the restless and passionate emotions of my heart, will you not," said Danton, "listen to the sincere words I utter and accept my love."

The tones of the speaker's voice, tender and subdued as it was by the calm feelings peculiar to the hour, startled her ear, as she walked with head slightly bowed, silently by his side. They passed the massive walls of the cathedral, and were now some distance from the town, and in full view of the opposite shore of the river, and the wide extent of the surrounding country, with its forest crowned hills, darkly outlined on the horizon. "Can it be possible, Mr. Danton, that you have forgotten what I told you a few days ago. You do not know how much it pains me to hear you speak of a feeling it is not in my power to reciprocate. No one can value your friendship more than I do, and this feeling alone can exist between us. You know I am betrothed to another."

"I know it," replied he "but would it were not so! I have struggled long with my feelings, and tried in vain to forget you." His intense emotions were plainly visible to her, and for a long time they remained silent. At last he spoke. "From the first time I saw you I was inspired with feelings which before I was a stranger to; and since I have enjoyed your intimacy, the impression you have made on my heart shall never be forgotten."

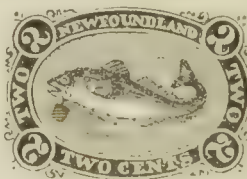
"It only remains now for us to part; perhaps I shall not see you again, as I return tomorrow to St. John. Mr. Charlton whom I introduced to you to-day goes with me to Boston, and we are to be married there in the winter." While she was speaking, Danton turned his head slightly aside to conceal his emotions, and drawing from his pocket an album of beautiful workmanship, and a favourite pocket-volume of poems, presented them to her. "Cherish these," he said "for my sake, perhaps they may serve to remind you in the future of one who loved not wisely but too well." "No I cannot take them," she calmly replied. "You must excuse me. The position I occupy as the betrothed of another, is my only reason

for not accepting this from you, which I know is given from the purest and most disinterested motives." To this reply she said no more, and as they walked in the direction of the town, he perceived, for the first time, that he was followed. But by whom? That we shall know hereafter. A *Nemesis* ever tracks our steps coming oft in human form and wearing the fatal disguise which but masks anger, love, jealousy, and despair.

TO BE CONCLUDED.

Newly Issued Stamps.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Last month we promised



to give our readers a full and accurate description of the new set of stamps for this colony. We will now do so. There are six stamps in all. The 2 cents stamp we have had engraved.

The color of it is green. The 5 cents stamp is brown; design—a seal, figure 5 in the upper corners; NEWFOUNDLAND at top, over which *Five, Five, Five, FIVE CENTS* in words and figures at bottom oblong. 10 cents, black; design—bust of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales (in square frame with rounded corners), NEWFOUNDLAND at top, TEN CENTS at bottom, rectangular. 12 cents, rose; design—bust of Queen Victoria to the left in an oval border, with words NEWFOUNDLAND, TWELVE CENTS, running completely around it. The belt containing the above fastens below with a buckle, rectangular. 13 cents, orange, oblong, described and engraved in last month's *Gazette*. 24 cents, blue; design—bust of Her Majesty Queen Victoria—full face, crowned—in octangular frame; the words NEWFOUNDLAND above, supported by two pillars. CENTS below 24 at right and left lower angles, in an oval, rectangular. All of these stamps are perforated. We think the present issue are much handsomer than those previously in use. The codfish and seal are new features in stamps.

BAVARIA.—A new return stamp, design, arms of Bavaria, two lions crowned, &c., and shield in oval; words "*commission fur retour briefe Munchen*," in circle around it.

NEW GRENADA.—Three new stamps are out for foreign letters: 25 cents, blue, rectangular, 50 cents, yellow, octagonal, and 1 peso, lilac, rectangular. Design—arms of New Grenada, and motto, SOBREPORTE. We can safely say that these stamps are by no means the most handsome ones in the world.

BRUNSWICK.— $\frac{1}{2}$ gr., green, design, same as the others.

EGYPT.—Essays have been submitted to the Pacha of Egypt, and stamps are to be adopted. This is indeed news. What queer looking stamps they will be.

SHANGHAI.—Four new locals are said to have been issued for Shanghai. The stamp is rather large, and nearly square. In the centre is the dragon, above, SHANGHAI, L. P. O. (Local Post Office, and below the value is designated. 2 candareens, *black*, 4c., *yellow*, 8c., *green*, and 16c., *red*. One authority says 18c., *red*, but we are inclined to think this an error.

GERMANY.—1kr. *green* envelope has just been issued by South Germany. It is, in design, similar to the 1kr. Wurtemberg.

GREECE.—A new set of stamps for unpaid letters have lately come out. Design—large figure in centre denoting value; in-scription, ELL GRAMM, in Greek, at top, bottom, and sides. The colors are the same as the current set.

LUBECK.— $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling, *lilac*, adhesive and envelope. The former is much more beautiful than the latter. A correspondent mentions in his letter to us that there is also a $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch. *lilac* envelope and adhesive, newly issued. Whether he has erred in putting down $2\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, we are unable to say at present.

LUXEMBOURG.—1 centime is now *brown*, 10c., *lilac*, and 25c., *blue*.

Our Gibraltar correspondent writes us as follows:—

SPAIN.—The new issue of Spain has just appeared, at least the 20 cents has. They are very similar to the last issue; but above on each side of the circle containing the head are, on the left a castle, and on the right side a lion rampant in heraldic shields, crowned; above is "CORREOS," below, "20 CENTS DE ESCº," *lilac*, on white, perforated.

We are inclined to think that 'cuartos,' instead of 'cents,' is the correct value. We will, however, be better able to inform our readers on that point next month.

Postal Chat-Chat.

THE total amount of the Money Orders drawn at the Post Office, St. John, N. B., from November 1st, 1863, to October 31st, 1864, was \$12320.86; from November 1st, 1864, to October 31st, 1865, \$14141.58. Orders paid at St. John, N. B., from November 1st, 1863, to October 31st, 1864, \$93656.40; from November 1st, 1864, to October 31st, 1865, \$139679.39.

\$1304 worth of Postage Stamps were sold at the St. John Post Office during the month of December 1865.

A TALL, thin, square built gentleman—slightly affected with *Timbromanía* was seen to walk leisurely up Rocky Hill a few days ago, when all of a sudden he was observed to turn round.

A NEW Stamp paper for Egypt is spoken of. It is said that the first number was issued on the 15th ult.

ON DIT, that a new paper devoted to stamp collecting will shortly be started at New York.

SALE AT THE DEAD LETTER OFFICE.—The curiosities of the mail service will be well shown by the annual auction of the dead letter office, which commenced last week. The schedule of articles to be disposed of comprises almost everything of personal wear or ornament, the latter, however, predominating, such as jewellery of every description, watches, chains, rings, lockets, etc., etc., etc., makes the bulk of the catalogue. There was even a gas-burner miscarried through the mails, any quantity of tobacco, and hair brushes, and patent medicines, have met a like fate. Nobody has any idea of the queer uses to which the mails are put until they glance over the revelations of the Dead Letter Office.—*Canada Paper*.

SOME days ago, at one of the Dumfries fairs a young woman, too obviously "from the country," was seen standing with a very perplexed air at the pillar letter box in Nitte place, in front of the Mechanics Institution. She was observed to knock several times, on the top of the iron pillar, but obtaining no response she passed round to the opposite side and raising the cover of the slit in which letters are placed, she applied her mouth to the aperture, and called out loud enough for the amazed bystanders to hear "can ye let me hae a postage stamp."

HOW NEWSPAPERS ARE ACCOMODATED IN CHICAGO.—THE *Chicago Republican* in giving an account of the Post Office in that city says. Publishers of Newspapers are furnished with a programme of the hours when the mails close, and a list of the various Post Offices along the line of road over which every rail-road extends that leaves Chicago. These publishers bag their own papers, and it often happens when pressed for time, that they send their bags to the train, instead of passing them through the Post Office. The Post Office provides them with sacks, and such transits are at their own risk.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us as follows:—"Two years ago I did little or no business in Stamps. My attention was drawn to the fact that a trade was to be done by a person bringing to me a *carpet-bag full* of Cape of Good Hope stamps; about one quarter of them were composed of the old blocks, collected by some lady formerly a resident at the Cape. I bought them all for a trifle, and soon after sold to one firm in Liverpool £27 worth. Other dealers purchased small quantities of me." Who will now pretend to say that there is no profit in stamps.

THE *Coin and Stamp Journal* of Chicago for December is a capital number. All collectors should procure a copy. Mr. Mason ought to have an agent in St. John for his paper. See advertisement elsewhere.

MR. G. L. ATHERTON is our travelling agent for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. He is authorized to receive subscriptions and advertisements for the *Gazette*.

✓ **Forged Stamps:**

FROM

"FORGED STAMPS: HOW TO DETECT THEM,"

BY

MESSRS, THORNTON LEWIS, AND EDWARD PEMBERTON.

The differences between the forged and genuine stamps of the Sandwich Islands we noted in our last. We will commence this month with

PARMA.**PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.**

1861—5c., green, 6c., red, 9c., blue, 10c., brown, 20c., blue, 40c., red, 80c., yellow.

GENUINE.

1. The middle line in the border is closer to the outside than to the inside line.

2. The letters 'c' and 'i,' in the word 'Centesimi,' do not touch the border.

3. All the 8 lines forming the border are more or less concave.

FORGED.

1. The middle line is either just in the middle, between the two other lines, or nearer to the inside line.

2. The letters 'c' and 'i,' in the word 'Centesimi,' almost touch the border.

3. The 4 short lines, one at each corner, forming the border, are quite straight, the four longer ones concave.

ROMAGNA.

1861— $\frac{1}{2}$, yellow, 1, grey, 2, yellow, 3, green, 4, red, 5, purple, 8, pink, 20, blue.

GENUINE.

1. All the letters are sharp at the corners, and the letters of the word 'Romagna' have small, sharply defined indentations.

2. Ornaments in the corners composed of thin lines.

3. At each corner of the ornaments is a black dot, though occasionally one of them is wanting at a corner.

4. The two stops after the word 'Bai,' square.

5. These stamps are printed on rather rough unglazed paper.

FORGED.

1. The letters are more or less round at the corners, and the indentations in word 'Romagna,' irregular and not sharply defined.

2. Ornaments in corners thick and blotched.

3. At the left-hand bottom corner ornament there are no black dots.

4. The two stops after the word 'Bai,' round.

5. Printed on smooth, slightly glazed paper.

Next month we shall make extracts from a new work entitled, "HOW TO DETECT FORGED STAMPS, BY THOMAS DALSTON, ESQ." The foregoing concludes our clippings from Messrs. Pemberton & Lewis' work for the present.

BACK NUMBERS of the *Gazette* containing the beginning of that popular tale *Lawrence Danton*, which has been written expressly for our columns, can be secured to a limited extent by early application to the publisher of this paper. The story was commenced in the September number and has proved to be a decided success. We are indebted to a contemporary for a very flattering notice of it and its author, and would space admit we would be happy to insert our friend's pleasing remarks. He has our thanks all the same, however.

WE are sorry to hear that the *Curiosity Collector's Magazine* has been discontinued.

Correspondence.

(TO THE READERS OF THE "STAMP ARGUS.")

GENTLEMEN,—

The Editor of the *GAZETTE* having kindly consented to insert this letter,—I now lay before you openly the reasons which led to the discontinuance of the *Argus*. Firstly,—The *Timbrophilic* field is not large enough to support two Stamp papers in the same city. Secondly,—Non-payment of advertising bills in cash, and the extensive difficulty of changing Stamps for anything like the price charged by advertisers. Thirdly,—The general impression that a paper costs nothing and that the advertisements pay enough for all collectors to receive a copy free. Fourthly,—Lack of time on the part of the Editor to work the affair thoroughly up.

Now while the above reasons militated strongly towards the paper's decease, I must in justice to the proprietor say that he was perfectly willing to advance means for continuing publication to the end of the year. But as every paper only increased the deficit, and I could see no hope even in the dim obscurity of the future of making the *Argus* pay its own expenses, I could not counsel further issues.

The arrangements I have made are as follows: All the advertisements, of which some insertions are coming to their owners, will be placed in the *Weekly Examiner* published at Digby, N. S., and while such insertions continue all the subscribers to the *Argus* will receive a copy free. The subscribers will also receive a copy of the *Gazette* in lieu of the *Argus* till the end of their various subscriptions. Any advertiser or subscriber who is not satisfied with this arrangement will please write to me and I will endeavour to adjust all difficulties. I take this opportunity of telling the readers of this letter that as it has been reported that the *Argus* and *Gazette* were antagonistic to each other, that such report is without foundation,—and that Mr. Stewart and I are perfectly good friends. I also take this time to request the friends of the *Argus* to transfer their support to the *Gazette*.

I would say to Mr. A. B. Mason of Chicago, that when the *Argus* announced the death of the *Coin and Stamp Journal* I was really under the impression that what I stated was essentially true, and having erred, I certainly feel it my duty to apologize to him for such error.

The story commenced in No. 5 of the *Argus* will be published in the *Weekly Examiner*.

In conclusion, I tender you Mr. Jones' thanks for the support he has received financially,—and my own to the friends who have assisted me in my capacity as Editor by their information, kind wishes, &c.

Your ob'd't. Servant,

EDWARD A. CRAIG.

DONT fail to read our prospectus for 1866!!!

Something About Stamps.

The contract for furnishing the stamps of the United States was given, in 1861, to the National Bank Note Company, which now annually supplies 220,000,000 more stamps than in the first year of the contract. During 1865 the company has furnished the Government 400,000,000 stamps, and the demand has frequently exceeded a million and a half per diem. The following will be read with interest.

The largest number ever delivered in one day was 5,923,895. The consumption of stamps of different values may be understood from a statement of the proportions manufactured in the month of March last, when there were delivered to the Government, of

1 ct stamps.....	165,200
2 ct do	14,477,250
3 ct do	85,933,850
5 ct do	375,340
10 ct do	10,000,640
12 ct do	372,900
24 ct do	480,300
30 ct do	140,650
50 ct do	19,490

Total.....102,926,630

In the above list we think the 15c. and 50c., ought to read 12c. and 40c.

The value represented by these stamps is \$3,207,199.50. The same writer says that the entire number supplied by the National Bank Note Company up to the present time is one billion three hundred millions. To meet a demand so vast, the presses are sometimes run night and day, and to avoid error in accounts, a daily balance of business is struck. In furnishing this immense number—representative of a value of \$40,000,000—not a single loss involving censure to the company has occurred, and the stamps are printed, perforated, gummed and packed (for delivery from the company's office to all the United States post offices) for twelve cents a thousand.

ALTERATION IN RATES OF POSTAGE TO COLONIES OF B. N. A. &c.—On the 1st January 1866 the altered scale of weights applied to letters sent within the United Kingdom was extended to Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and Newfoundland &c, under this regulation a letter for any of the above places weighing more than 1oz and not exceeding 1½oz will be charged with three rates of postage and so on in proportion.

We presume that in a few days the Post Master General of New Brunswick will instruct the department here to adopt the same scale for letters from New Brunswick to the United Kingdom.

A NEW STAMP PAPER will be issued in Chicago early this month. Our old friend Mr. Wm. Olcott—lately connected with the *Curiosity Shop*—is to be the Editor.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 57 letters.

- My 35, 21, 46, 32, 50, 18, 22, 7, 20, 54, 10, 13, 29, 20, 33, 49, 32, 28, 18, 39, 53, is the name of a monthly for Stamp Collectors.
- " 32, 38, 42, 45, 18, 12, 37, 20, 56, 34, 40, 52, 22, 18, 23, 26, 41, 55, 33, 8, 9, 36, 15, 18, 25, 43, 48, 21, 33, 18, 22, are the names of two gentlemen who will long be remembered by all Stamp Collectors.
- " 46, 4, 44, 12, 32, 50, 18, 56, 16, 11, 33, 2, 20, 10, 45, 49, 52, 10, 55, 3, 42, 32, 33, 50, 57, 19, 22, 52, 29, is an inscription on a postage stamp.
- " 27, 46, 56, 9, 27, 7, 47, 25, 37, 38, 33, 24, 27, 14, 36, 57, is a gentleman whose portrait is to be found on several postage stamps.
- " 27, 15, 47, 33, 24, 5, 52, 8, 51, 28, 45, 34, 25, 43, 48, 17, 50, advertise in the *Gazette*.
- " 1, 42, 31, 39, 33, 20, 25, is the name of an island employing stamps.
- " 51, 2, 30, 56, 32, 20, 38, 33, is a Roman coin.

My whole is the name of four stamp dealers.

[Answer next month.]

Answer to enigma in our last: "*Prince Edward Island Postage, nine-pence currency, equal to six-pence stg.*"

Answer to Acrostic: "*Duc di Parma Piac Ecc.*"

Answer to 1st Transposition: "*Eiu drittel silber groschen.*" 2nd: "*Correos Nacionales.*"

We are afraid that the acrostic and transpositions were too hard for our subscribers last month, at least we judge so, for we have only received four correct answers to the acrostic, none to the first transposition, and but six to the second. Mr. D. C. Dawson, of St. John, N. B., gets the unused set of Spanish official for correct solution to acrostic, and Mr. G. W. James, of Lawrencetown, N. S., the 25c. packet of stamps for his answer to the second transposition. A 25c. packet will be given to the first three correct answers we receive to the enigma.

We have received from Mr. W. M. Wright, Printer and Publisher, a handsome new Calendar for 1866. It is beautifully printed in colored inks, and contains a good deal of valuable information. Dealers who require to get Price Lists neatly printed cannot do better than give Mr. W. a call.

As we had occasion to employ a new mailing clerk last month, we would not feel surprised to find that some of our subscribers had not received their paper. Any of those who failed to receive it will confer a favour by notifying us so that the error will not be repeated.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A CORRESPONDENT asks the Latitude and Longitude of Romagna and Bergedorf. Can any of our readers enlighten him?

"S," Chicago.—The *Stamp Collector's Journal*, published at Liverpool, of which Mr. J. C. Wroe was proprietor, is, we learn, defunct, as is also the *S. C. Examiner*, published at Leamington.

J. J. B., Utica, N. Y.—We will take "Greenbacks" at 70 cents. We believe other dealers do the same.

J. C., Hull, England.—Received your paper all right; we shall be most happy to exchange with you. Send two copies each month.

J. G. T., Italy.—Papers mailed.

Rev. J. S., Edderton, Rosshire, Scotland.—Packet received; will answer your letter as soon as we can.

G. H. S., Lower Horton, N. S.—Why don't you write?

F. R., Woodstock, N. B.—Of course if you get us 300 subscribers we will send you a \$57.00 sewing machine.

** Several letters stand over to be answered in our next.

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STAMP COLLECTORS BEWARE!!

AN EXPOSE!!!

BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE: "an obsolete local of considerable rarity"—as it is impudently termed by dealers interested in its sale—is attracting some attention at present in Philatelic Circles. Of course the venders of these stamps affirm stoutly that they are genuine; but we beg to assure buyers that this is not the case. The "Baldwin" is a forgery and the Boston dealer who now advertises it as genuine knows that it was made to *sell* only. For the information of our readers we submit a brief historical sketch—gleaned from authentic sources—of this stamp.

In the month of May last two young gentlemen belonging to this city entered into co-partnership—which for distinction sake we shall call Messrs "A. and B., Stamp and Coin dealers." They had been in business but a short time when it occurred to them that they might "get up" a stamp. Others had done so with some degree of success, why could not they? Only represent it to their correspondents as a genuine "local" issued and used in the province of New Brunswick, and by its sale they might easily replenish their coffers, and increase their business many fold. Having hit upon this "happy thought" the next thing wanted was a name and date. The latter was easily settled; it should be an *obsolete local*, for this would sell best and be least liable to detection. But the name,—what should it be? This was a puzzler! It could not be "Turner's"—or the "Eastern" Express, for both of these companies had agents in almost every city, town and village of the Union, as well as in the British Provinces, an application to either of whom might "spoil their little game." After much grave thought and consideration it was remembered that a Mr. H. Baldwin had had some years before, an express office on the European and North American Railway, which runs from St. John to the Shediac oyster beds. Why not therefore call the "obsolete local" **BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE.**

Nothing could be more favourable and the name was at once adopted. After sketching a rough design of the projected "obsolete," the *honourable* firm went next in search of an engraver whom they soon found in the person of a Mr. Gregory of this city. Mr. Gregory being an adept in his art soon furnished a block or cut of the new stamp, which was taken to the printing establishment of Messrs J. & A. McM..... of St. John, and shortly after our *enterprising* young gents had the satisfaction of gazing upon the fruit of their own ingenuity—or in other words upon fifteen hundred of the "BALDWIN'S RAILROAD POSTAGE LABELS" in the following colours: viz, red on white, blue on ditto., black on ditto., red on grey, blue on ditto, black on ditto, red on green, blue on ditto, black on ditto, red on yellow, blue on ditto, black on ditto, red on blue, blue on ditto., black on ditto. That such stamps should be rare—very rare indeed—no one can doubt, for they could only be had from the makers. We do not know that the manufacturers are to blame altogether for saying that these stamps were of "considerable rarity"—seeing they could only be obtained from themselves,—but every honest man will say that they were very much to blame for stating that they were **NEW BRUNSWICK LOCALS.** But further, we have it on good authority, that of these "gems," *four hundred were sold to S. Allan Taylor of Boston*—as stamps that *never existed, but were issued to sell only.* Mr. Taylor knows all this, but does he denounce the imposition? oh no! On the contrary, he tries to bolster it up by "a change of base," and mendaciously says in his paper, "that the New Brunswick to which these bogus "obsolete locals" belong is New Brunswick—*New Jersey!!!* Could anything be more audacious? Can he tell us or his readers when these **TWO PENNY** locals were *issued and used in New Jersey?* and why it is that no mention is made in any of the New York Price Lists or American Catalogues of the U. S. local stamps? We hope that our readers will make a note of what we have said and avoid the Bogus "Baldwin's."

LADIES' WIGS were found in abundance in the dead letter office in Washington U. S. A.

Newly Issued Stamps.

EGYPT.—We are indebted to Messrs. G. W.



Winterburn & Co. for a description of the stamps of this country. They are seven in number, viz.: 5 paras, oblong; in the centre a circle enclosed in an eight pointed star; in the corners circles filled in with engraved lines, the whole surrounded with a diamond work

border, with the value on the edge. Color—slate green. 10 paras, oblong; a large oval with elaborate design, circles and scroll work, the casselated border composed of white and dark lines, value in corners. Color—dark brown. 20 paras, oblong; in the centre a star surrounded with scroll work, an outside wavy border forming the limit of the stamp, value in corners. Color—light blue. 1 piastre, oblong; a wide, light colored oval border, enclosing heavy scroll work, forms the body of the stamp; very small shaded circles form the outward margin, enclosed the value. Colors—cream and mauve. 2 piastres, similar to the above, except the border, instead of being oval—octagonal. Color—straw. 5 piastres, similar to the 1 piastre, except that the oval band is partly hidden by a heavy coil; values in corners, surrounded by distinct circles. Color—pink. 10 piastres, similar to the 1 piastre, except faint lines in the margin instead of small shaded circles. Color—slate. All the above are covered with Arabic characters, printed in deep black, resembling in that respect the current Ottoman Empire, and giving a very fine and characteristic appearance to them. The engraving at the top represents the 10 paras. They are all perforated.

SWEDEN.—It is rumored that a 17 and 20 ore will shortly appear.

THE NEGRO REPUBLIC.—Our next illustration



is that of a stamp for the Negro Republic in the island of St. Domingo. We have had it taken from an undoubtedly genuine specimen received direct from St. Thomas. We may, perhaps, be

able to give a little more information about this label in our next number, but are without further advices now concerning it.

UNITED STATES.—Four new envelope stamps have been issued, viz.: 9c., yellow, 18c., red, 24c., and 30c., green.

CUBA.—A correspondent sends us the following:—There are two new stamps just out; one is exactly like the old issue $\frac{1}{2}$ Rl Plata, F, except in value. It is the same color, but instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ Rl Plata, F, at the bottom, it has 20c. mos., 1866. The other is of the same design. Color—blue, value, 10 cmos, 1866.

SPAIN.—Four new telegraph stamps viz., 10 cent de esco=1 real, lilac; 40 cent=2 reales, blue, 1 esco 60 cent=16 reales, green, and 2 scco=20 reales, rose.

We last month informed our readers of a new issue having been made for this country. We are now able to chronicle the whole set, which is as follows:—2 cuartos, rose, 4c., blue, 12c., orange, 19c., brown, 10 cent de esculo, green, and 20 cent de esculo (noticed in our last), lilac. As we described them before, it is needless to do so now.

BELGIUM.—In the *Gazette* for January a description was given of the new issue of stamps for Belgium. The accompanying engraving represents the 10 cents, grey. They are perforated. The portrait in the centre, it will be seen, is that of the late King Leopold.



VICTORIA.—A new value for this colony. 10d, Queen's head in oval, framed; *Victoria* above, *Ten Pence* below, figure designating value on each side. Color—green.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—1d, red, is now green.

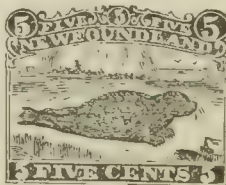
A SCOTCH LOCAL has been issued, value one farthing, green, perforated. The stamp contains the arms of Edinburgh and Leith in the centre. Words EDINBURGH and LEITH at top, CIRCULAR DELIVERY COMPANY, at bottom of arms, ONE FARTHING below. (We learn that the words "one farthing" have been removed, and the address substituted.) There is also a 2d, yellow, and 3d, red; no indication of value. The two last are not perforated.

TURKEY.—Three new stamps—government issues we believe—5 paras, blue, (for papers), 20 paras, green, and 40 paras, rose, printed in black, on colored paper, dentedated.

MAURITIUS.—6d, green, just issued.

PARAGUAY.—A cotemporary announces 3 new stamps, viz.:—1 real, red, (for home postage), 2 reales, green, and 4 reales, blue, (for foreign letters).

FINLAND.—Four new stamps have just appeared—5 pen mauve, 10 pen buff, 20 pen blue, and 40 pen pink. In design they resemble the others with the exception of colours and values.



We are happy to notice so many novelties this month. Indeed, we had no idea that there would have been half so many. This year promises to be as fertile as the last in producing new stampse A fac simile of the 5c. NEWFOUNDLAND is added which represents a seal. Color—brown, oblong. These stamps were engraved by the American Bank Note Company of New York.

THAT "SHANGHAI LOCAL."—It appears that the "candareen" issue have been succeeded by a "cent" issue. The values now are 2 cents, pink, 4c, violet, 6c, green, and 8c, blue. Printed on colored and white paper, perforated. There is a slight difference between this and the previous issue.

✓ Postal Chit-Chat.

THE amount of Money Orders drawn at the Saint John N. B., Post Office for the quarter ending January 31st 1866 was \$4452.52, an increase of \$1860.65 over the corresponding period last year. The amount of orders was \$37466.59, an increase of \$4679.43 over the same quarter last year.

THE amount of Money Orders drawn at the Saint John Post Office in February, was \$1526, 60, or \$1060, 68, more than was drawn in the corresponding month in 1865. Money Orders paid at the Post Office St. John, in February, \$13394.25, being an increase over the corresponding month last year, of \$3663, 28.

POSTAGE STAMPS to the value of \$1404.75, were sold at the Post Office St. John N. B., during the month of January 1866.

THE number of valentines posted on the 14th February at St. John, was 1600.

✓ UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS BONDED IN CANADA BY THE CONFEDERATES.—The *Herald's* Toronto Washington special despatch says:—"An agent of our Post-Office Department and of the United States Consul at Toronto have recently found in bond, in the Custom House of that city ten thousand dollars worth of United States three-cent postage stamps, of the consignment of which to a house by the rebel agents in Liverpool our Government received information in August last. It is supposed the stamps were captured by the pirate 'Florida,' an injunction on the stamps has been gotten out, and it is expected the question of their proprietorship will shortly be argued before a Canadian Court."

A FRANK ANNOUNCEMENT.—We are told in the life of John Vine Hall (the father of the Rev. Newman Hall,) that his affection for his mother was very strong. For many years she was supported by him, and when his pecuniary resources were very small, he loved to minister to her necessities. He had sent at the usual time, through the Post Office, a £5 note, which was stolen. His mother anxiously waited till her resources were nearly exhausted. At length she wrote, "My son Joseph in Egypt, the corn is nearly gone." Great was his grief. Another note was promptly posted in a letter, on the outside of which was written, "this letter contains a £5 note. The last was stolen. Please let this pass; it is for a poor widow." It arrived safely.

A NOVEL subscription of 192 Foreign and Colonial Stamps was placed on one of the collection plates at Christ Church recently, one Sunday afternoon by a lad of about 10 years of age in aid of the Melanesian Missions.—*South Australian Advertiser*.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

LAWRENCE DANTON, THE MAN OF FEELING.

BY W.

[CONCLUSION.]

It was quite late in the evening when I arrived at the hotel with Gordon after our delightful walk, and as we had some moments at our disposal before the usual hour of retiring for the night, I lit my favourite *meerschauw*, and indulged quietly in the smoker's reverie. Gordon sat opposite to me, and beguiled the time with reading the *Stamp Gazette*. All at once I heard a noise in the hall, and immediately descended the stairs to ascertain the cause; when, on reaching the bottom, to my great surprise I found Danton and Charlton engaged in a violent altercation. Miss Vernon, pale, trembling, and excited, was endeavouring to pacify the two gentlemen; but the rage of Charlton would not be appeased, while with clenched hands and violent demeanour he hurled the foulest epithets on Danton, and accused him of disturbing his peace of mind and estranging her from the society of him, when informed at the same time of her engagement with him. "Why," said Charlton his face burning with anger, jealousy, and hatred, "why have you thus betrayed the confidence I, since my stay here, have imposed in you? You knew of the intimacy which existed between Miss Vernon and myself, and the engagement which has subsisted from the years of childhood, you were aware of all this, and yet like the evil Genius of a hopeless passion, would step between me and the one I love. I demand reparation for the evil you have done me; as a man I despise and loathe you." Saying this, he seized him by the throat, but Danton, with admirable dexterity and skill, hurled him to the ground. The noise of the fall brought Gordon to the scene of this little drama, which now reached the highest state of excitement. Miss Vernon, at the commencement of the scene, was cool and self-possessed, and entreated them both to settle this dispute at some place where strangers could not hear their language, and condemned Charlton in an earnest and emphatic manner, for bringing so unjust and foul an accusation against Mr. Danton at such a time, and in the hall of an hotel. But when Charlton stood up violently and indignantly abusing his opponent, while at the same time Danton calmly surveyed him with scorn and contempt, a patient listener of

the unmerited abuse heaped upon him, her admiration for his manner was plainly visible to myself and Gordon. But now, with Charlton on the floor, and Danton's hand clenched firmly on the collar of his victim's throat, she trembled violently, and seizing him by the arm, requested him to desist, and conduct her to her room. Looking up, his whole frame shaken with emotions of pride, anger, and contempt, he beheld those eyes gazing with mute astonishment and surprise on him, and understanding at once the expression they conveyed, desisted from any further attempt at injury to his rival. Charlton rose to his feet the very personification of shame, cowardice, and self-reproach. During this little scene which had been enacted, I said nothing, but calmly waited to see what further event might take place. Danton looked disdainfully on his rival; his face pale from conflicting emotions, but with determination and pride stamped in every feature. "Why is it," said he, "you have used me thus? I never did you wrong. Nothing but the respect and esteem I have for Miss Vernon—a witness of your passion and folly—prevents me from demanding satisfaction and apology for the insult received at your hands. But go, base calumniator, you are unworthy of her for whom you profess so much affection and esteem; your conduct belies your station and character, and shows not what you pretend to be, but what you really are. Your ignorance of what is due between man and man, the passion and folly you have displayed, have degraded you, not in your eyes only, but in the eyes of her whose affection you have turned into disgust and hatred, and whose confidence in you has been so foully outraged." "Danton talks like a moralist," whispered Gordon to me, "this affair must be settled to-morrow before we depart for St. John. Pistols and coffee at half past five. Such a *denouement* to our evening's walk I did not expect; but there is no use in talking, he did behave nobly, and it but requires a good exhibition of diplomacy on his part now, to enable him to settle the affair amicably, and win the prize. What is the use of talking of long standing engagements between the sexes after the scene we have witnessed, Danton has succeeded before now in winning her love, which, to my mind, could be easily obtained. Oh woman! inconstant woman!

"Nature made them blinder motions
Bounded in a shallower brain."

"It does not answer," I remarked, "to make such an assertion." "By jove, I can prove it," replied Gordon. "Her love for Charlton may have been assumed, and you know women, like men bow to many idols. We are all the dupe of our own feeling, and passion lures where reason doth betray." This conversation took place in the room to which we had ascended, leaving our friends to settle their dispute in their own way. In a moment Danton entered followed by Miss Vernon and Charlton. The lateness of the hour prevented all further con-

versation. In reply to some remark which Miss Vernon made, Charlton replied, addressing the lady, "permit me, before I depart from you for the last time, to say, that what I have witnessed to-night, ought to bring the blush of shame and self-reproach to your cheek; to think that you, whom I have known so long, and at one time loved so ardently, betrothed by all vows sacred under heaven, should be guilty of an improper intimacy with one who a few days ago was to you a perfect stranger. But the lesson I have received to-night is one I shall never forget, I desire not to throw any reproaches on your name and character, but will banish from my memory all recollection of the past. "As for you, sir," addressing Danton, "I can only say, that by you I have been most foully deceived, and, as a stranger in the country, did not expect such treatment and violation of honour and respect from one who pretended to be my friend." Saying this, he turned and left the room.

The next morning found us on board the steamboat on the way to St. John. Charlton remained in F——, intending to return to the States by another route. We passed through scenes of luxuriance and beauty, through broad meadows of bright waving grain, and grass, where the tann'd haymakers stood in groups beneath the glowing heat of a parting summer's day. Miss Vernon sat with Danton at her side gazing with rapt admiration on every scene which each turn in the river brought into view; but to the most ordinary observer, it could be plainly seen that her mind was not at rest. Her face wore a pensive, melancholy expression, which she would at times try to conceal, but ever and anon the old look would return again, which it would be vain for me to attempt to describe. Regret for the past, mingled, no doubt, with her feelings for one whose conduct had wounded her sensitive nature, when redress was beyond her power. "What could I do," she would often say, "at such a scene as that which occurred last evening? Placed between two persons,—the one cold, calculating, vindictive, and revengeful, the other, ardent in his feelings and devotedly attached to me. Charlton I cannot but despise; his conduct on that occasion has, since I have grown from childhood to the present time when a woman should understand her position and duty, fully confirmed my suspicion, and has taught me to believe the truth of many reports I have received concerning his character, which, if revealed, no woman could esteem. Fortunately for myself I have escaped from the tyranny of one by circumstance the most displeasing to reflect upon, and most harrowing to my feelings, and to which I shall ever look back on with regret and shame. The error I have committed is a slight one when I reflect on what a woman's chief happiness depends, but will no doubt be forgiven when the pure completion of the latter shall one day be fulfilled." "What are you reflecting on," said

Supplement to the Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette.

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Danton, as he rose from his seat where he had been sitting for a long time engaged in conversation with several gentlemen. "Something," replied she, "that I cannot banish from my mind; which oppresses my heart and makes even the bright scenes through which we are passing appear to me tame and uninteresting." "Think not of the past," replied Danton, "but confide in me; time alone can but lessen that sorrow which you now feel: the past will soon be forgotten; everything was done for the best, and all I now ask is your love." He spoke with the old feeling of tenderness and sympathetic impulse which no art could conceal. Miss Vernon seemed very much affected, and could make no reply, but hung her head in silence. They thus conversed at intervals, until the bold outlines of the surrounding hills appeared visibly in view, which announced that we were near our journeys' end.

When the boat arrived at the wharf, Danton hired a cab and drove at once to the hotel. Gordon and myself called upon him the same evening and, saw at once from the blush of triumph on his cheek, that love had crowned his path. The next morning he started for Boston with Miss Vernon, and after a stay of some months returned to St. John. In the winter they were to be married. It was now, late in autumn, and often during the cold nights of the month, have we sat and talked on the faded joys of the past. It was on one of these nights that he revealed to me much that is already contained in this story; but the tenderness with which he spake in respect to her and his love, excited the strongest emotions of his heart. "I have been," said he "the strongest fool to passion, and have bowed to many idols, but none shall allure me now. Had I not been the accepted suitor of the only person I now love, I should have turned from the ambition and pursuit of the world and become a perfect recluse." "And what," I replied, "is the secret of your passive strength in that feeling which has ruled you so long? It is singular you have not sunk under the effects of wasted and disappointed affection, which you tell me so eloquently of." He made no reply, but handing me a pocket volume of Byron pointed to the following lines:—

Existence may be borne and the deep root
Of life and sufferance make its prime abode
In bare and desolated bosoms mute
The camel labours with the heaviest load
And the wolf dies in silence,—not bestow'd
In vain should such examples be if they,
Things of ignoble or of savage mood
Endure and shrink not we of nobler clay
May temper it to bear,—it is but for a day:

In consequence of the crowded state of our advertising space this month we have been compelled to issue in conjunction with this number of the *Gazette* a SUPPLEMENT, containing a portion of our advertisements. We beg to apologize to our friends for our not being out punctual on the first of the month, but the tardiness of

the arrival of the mails occasioned the delay.—The *Gazette* will be issued on the first of the month in future.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 60 letters.

My 29, 52, 49, 14, 1, 8 11, 47, 46, 40, 18, 26, 57 is the name of a Stamp Paper.

" 59, 12, 41, 30, 21, 38, 54, 27, 35, 22, 3, 4, 56, 37, 48, 10, 42, 51, 25, 23, 55, 58, 3, 6, 33, 39, 36, is the inscription on an American Stamp.

" 53, 7, 3, 34, 50, 1, 47, 19, 15, 40, is the name of a defunct Stamp Paper.

" 3, 37, 28, 54, 42, 59, 20, 48, 24, 50, 1, 46, 3, 53, 13, 5, 55, 3, 39, 22, 33, 31, is a very interesting pursuit.

" 20, 14, 1, 44, is an American coin.

" 58, 17, 35, 16, 2, 42, 43, 50, 54, 20, is a Country that has lately issued a new Stamp.

" 2, 18, 7, 9, 28, 43, 30, 52, 32, 51, 11, 37, 45, 3, 40, 55, 59, is to be seen on one of the Prussian Stamps.

" 46, 52, 19, 33, 60, is a coin.

My whole are the inscriptions to be found on two different stamps.

[Answer next month.]

Answer to enigma in our last: "*J. A. Nutter, Robert, W. McLachlan, Angus, J. McIntosh and Andrew, D. Robertson.*"

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. R., Washington, D. C., is informed that there is no postage on newspapers from New Brunswick to the United States. 2. The papers have been sent. 3. Your subscription ends May next.

*** Correspondents will be attended to in our next.

THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

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FENIAN POSTAGE ESSAYS!

ANOTHER EXPOSE!!!

The readers of the *Gazette* may remember that in the January No we surmised that somebody contemplated a Fenian stamp fraud. Time has shewn that our suspicion was well founded. The rumour given at first in a Boston Monthly, has become a reality, and the paper which first announced the prospective issue of Fenian postage essays as a rumour only, now describes and advertises them for sale. Unable to satisfy ourselves that these essays did not belong to the "Baldwin's" family, the history of which was given in our last number, we took the liberty of writing to "President Roberts" for information, and on the 12th ult. we received the following characteristic reply, which, we think, settles the question at issue, and proves conclusively the correctness of our suspicions viz., that the Fenian stamp business, like the Fenian organization itself, is a huge swindle on the gullibility of the public, the only difference being one of degree. But that our readers may judge for themselves we subjoin a copy of the reply *verbatim ad literatam* :—

Head Quarters Fenian Brotherhood,
New York City March 6th, 1866.

GEORGE STEWART JR., ESQ.,

St. John, New Brunswick.

DEAR SIR :—

In behalf of Col. Roberts President of the Fenian Brotherhood, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 22nd ult, enquiring if "it is the intention of the Postal authorities in connection with the affairs of the 'Irish Republic' to issue a 'Fenian Stamp.' In reply I beg to state that at present we have neither 'Postal authorities' nor 'Fenian stamps of the postage description.' The *dies* that we are just now interested in, are of a different kind from those required in the manufacture of Postage Stamps, and their *issue* will require no gum-arabic to make them *stick*. When Ireland is free, when liberty instead of tyranny dwells in Ireland, when the 'Green' flag of the Irish Republic takes the place of the red 'robber rag' of the brutal British Monarchy, then we will think of postage stamps, and then I will do myself the honor to send you one of the first impressions.

Very respectfully yours,

D. O'SULLIVAN,
Sec'y Civil Affairs F. B.

Mr. O'Sullivan, it will be observed, having furnished a most satisfactory reply to our enquiry, relieves himself of a little heroic humour,

and, a brilliant burst of braggart bombast, promises to do himself the honour of sending us one of the first impressions "of the genuine stamp when it appears. and we in return promise our readers, should we live long enough to receive this rarity, that we shall not be backward in letting them know it. Yet we would advise the youngest of them not to be sanguine of ever seeing a genuine Fenian stamp, for this he will never do. But be this as it may, this letter of Mr. O'Sullivan puts it beyond a doubt that no postage stamps or essays have been published or authorized by the "Brotherhood," and that those now advertised as such are forgeries, ~~who~~ we caution our readers against purchasing or countenancing in any way. Collectors should be careful above all things to reject all bad and doubtful stamps or essays. All such in an album is an evidence of weakness, a monument of simplicity and folly. Better have a few well selected and genuine stamps than a whole book full of common coarse counterfeits like the "Baldwins" and the "Fenians."

WE have received from Mr. Watten Small of this city a little work well printed by Mr G. W. Day, entitled POEMS AND SONNETS. The poetry contained therein is of a high order, and not the mere nonsensical gingle of words which now-a-days pass for poetry. As an illustration of Mr. Small's style, we refer our readers to the NEW YEAR ADDRESS that we published in our January number, which was from his pen. We wish our friend every success, and hope to see a second edition of his poems shortly.

MONEY ORDERS drawn at post office St. John, in March, \$1538.28, or \$769.03 more than in the corresponding month last year; paid in March, \$13812.99, being \$3712.29 more than in March, 1865.

\$1335.50, worth of postage stamps were sold at the post office, St. John, during the month of February 1866.

ATTENTION is directed to the advertizement of the "Excelsior Stamp Association." Collectors will find this a *bona fide* institution.

Newly Issued Stamps.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The engraving annexed represents the one penny stamp, color blue, of the Honduras. Three postals have been issued in all, so far. The value of the two others are one shilling, green, and six-pence, red.—Coloured impression on white paper, perforated.



LEVANT.—A cotemporary describes two stamps that were issued—one last May (1865), and the other three months afterwards—by a private Russian company, for Levantine postage. Upright rectangular, rather thin paper, unwatermarked lithographed impression, red on blue latticed background, a steamer appears in the centre, Russian eagle below, and the characters P. O. II. N. T. above. The value is one piastre. The other stamp is worth five times as much, is blue on red lattice work: P., the eagle and O. above, II. N. T. below.

VENEZUELA.—Three new stamps, design—the arms of Venezuela in the centre of an octagon, around which are the words "CORREO DE LOS E. E. U. U. DE VENEZA., value below in words. In the four corners are ornaments. The stamps are square, colored impression on white paper, $\frac{1}{2}$ real, rose, 1 real, red, and 2 reals, yellow. There is no watermark.

SCOTCH LOCAL.—Another local has just been issued. Square stamp, blue on white. Inscription—"Clark & Co., Circular and Parcel Deliverers, 10 Calton Street, Edinburgh." Not perforated.

BAVARIA.—A complete change of the stamps is stated will shortly take place.

NEW ZEALAND.—4d rose, is now yellow.

UNITED STATES.—The 2 cents envelope is printed on white as well as on buff paper.

SHANGHAI.—The values of the new "local" for Shanghai are now as follows:—2 cents, rose, 4 cents, lilac, 8 cents, blue, and 16 cents, green. Coloured impression on white paper, dentilated and rectangular. Design—a dragon in the centre, SHANGHAI L. P. O., at top, value below, and Chinese characters at sides as well as in the four corners.

HAMBURG.—Two new stamps, values 3 sch., blue, and 4 sch., green, rectangular. Design—three towers in the centre, on which is engraved the figure denoting value (same as last issue), HAMBURG at top, POST MARKE at bottom, SCHILLING at right side, the value in words at left side.

EQUATOR.—1 real, bright green, is now blue green.

URAGUAY. The *Collector's Circular* hears of the contemplated issue by the postal authorities of some provisional stamps like those in Italy.

HOLLAND. Essays in abundance are out and are being submitted to the government for approval, we have room only to give a description of one of them this month, 5cts, design portrait of king in an oval to the right. *Nederlande* at top, 5 cents at bottom, *Post* at left side, and *zegel* at right.

NORWAY. A 3 sk lilac has been issued.

HOLSTEIN. Still another new postal for this Duchy. $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling lilac. This stamp is oval, words HERZOTH, HOLSTEIN go round the top, 1 SCHILLING below. values in figures in centre, colored impression on white paper.

CEYLON. 1s. 9d. stamp, colour green, rectangular is out.

BELGIUM. Two Telegraph stamps, 50c slate colour, head of late king Leopold to the left in an oval border within a hexagon, TELEGRAPHIES at top 50 cent 50 below perforated. This one is for paying Telegrams above twenty words. There is also a franc, green, of the same design.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."]

LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER I.

Threading in and out among the busy, swaying tide of humanity on Broadway, Guy Sinclair was as much a solitaire as the recluse who, inhabits his cave on a lonely mountain. Twenty years old, and a millionaire's only child, yet the world was to him a "sealed book." His eye took in the moving throng around him, without being its life; his ear drank the hum of vitality without enlightening his mind. Yet this morning there had been an invasion into the normal territory, held, under trust, by Mr. Frost the pedantic tutor, of young Guy. That ancient follower of Plato might have trembled for his dominion had he known that a traitor was already within his fortress which he had been for years, rendering impregnable by batteries of dead literature. The mind of Guy Sinclair, which had been so plastic during the reign of Mr. Frost would doubtless, prove equally so, under the tutorage of free thought, the natural antagonist of the tutor. Free-thought, having succeeded in gaining an entrance, was commencing the campaign. By hinting to Guy, that as his father and Mr. Frost proposed his making "the tour of Europe" he might as well as not. "You're a minor and can't help yourself," says the sage, or novice, just as it happens. "Your life has been laid down for you ever since you were born" though it *does* seem a little hard, that you can't even have the privilege of choosing your own life."

It was this choice that had admitted the enemy; for very likely Guy had a private ro-

mance or two, just as every young fellow has, hid away somewhere among the tombs of the old philosophers. This morning his father had informed him, through his tutor, amid, gigantic pinches of snuff, that arrangements had been entered into, for his marriage to a very "eligible" young lady, on his return from Europe, after a two years tour. To have his pet romances dug out and returned to chaos, to bury them still deeper or to recede from the quiescence of obedience, were the alternatives proposed by agitation, free-thought. "It's a wonder you were not forced to meet and break a ring to wear as a talisman on your heart, or do some other absurd thing to make you hate each other worse than you do now," said the traitor. "What a lovely girl!" And Guy Sinclair, obeying an instinct which no training can quite destroy in a young man of twenty years, paused suddenly to look into a shop window—a very excusable subterfuge, when a pretty girl is standing in the door. She was a lovely girl; and the gentleman who attended her, seemed to be aware of the fact, if his eyes told the truth; which eyes are very apt to do, no matter what the tongue is saying. Guy yielded to another instinct which proved itself an unmerciful dislike to the unconscious pedestrian. The young girl did not glance at Guy, though her dress brushed him as she passed. It must have been charged with electricity, for light as the touch was, he experienced a shock, only it seemed a great deal pleasanter than any battery he had ever met with before. He stood staring in a very unscholar-like attitude till she was out of sight, and then stooped to pick up a tiny bit of paper that had fluttered out of some of the rich folds of her dress, and lay at his feet. He was looking at it, something as a child views the Greek alphabet, when the cheering voice of Ellis Blair broke the enchantment.

"What is it Guy? hieroglyphics or sanscript at the very heart if one may judge from your face."

Guy answered slowly, "a stamp, is its genius, but the difference is beyond my knowledge."

"I am further advanced in logic than you are, then, for I can tell the difference," said Ellis Blair, glancing over Guy's shoulder, "it is a 'Connell.' Where did you get it?"

"It is not mine," replied Guy, evasively, "but what do you mean by a 'Connell'?"

"That's the name it goes by. It is a New Brunswick stamp, as you can see, or rather an essay, for it was never in circulation, I believe. When decimal currency was introduced into New Brunswick, and a new order of stamps required, the gentleman whose name that stamp bears, and whose likeness you have before you, was Post Master General. He might have thought his own face handsomer than Queen Victoria's, or he might have thought a hundred other things; the result of his thoughts, whatever they were, was that impression. To say that the rest of the Executive Council were as-

tonished at this proceeding, is using the very mildest terms admitted by the English language. There was a rupture, and the Post Master General resigned. His successor, after such an awful warning, did not attempt to arrogate any undue honour, hence the five cent New Brunswick, now in use. The 'Connell' is very scarce and consequently very valuable."

"Why," answered Guy "it never could have been worth more than five cents; I don't see how it is worth anything now."

Ellis Blair laughed at the perplexed countenance of Guy Sinclair, "my dear Guy, did you ever suck your thumb or shake a rattle when a baby? I can imagine you sitting up beside Mr. Frost (and he's frosty enough to take the sunshine out of any young life) reading Virgil when six months old. That stamp is worth nothing as a medium for forwarding letters, but to a stamp collector, it is invaluable."

Then, observing the flush that covered the face of his friend, he continued, "never mind my fun, Guy; I have a tendency that way, which is a good thing for a fellow who has to rub through the world the best way he can, as it helps to keep the gastric juice in good order. But I want to have a talk with you before you start on your tour, so come round to my office. You are so methodical in your movements that I know exactly where to find you."

"That is just what I have been thinking about all the morning, Blair. I've lived and thought by rule, am under a constant surveillance all my life. I've been crammed with obsolete ideas, until I almost feel myself coeval with the old mythologists, while the real, bona fide world is a mystery to me."

"You speak the truth, my dear fellow," replied Ellis Blair gravely. "The very fact of your using the term bona fide as you just now did proves it beyond a doubt. There is no such element as good faith in the world, Guy; when it is found it is an accident merely. But if you are ignorant of its ways, you, have escaped its snares. However, life was not given to you to hide under a bushel; your very wealth and position, only renders your responsibilities the greater. But here we are; I am going to show you my stamp album, which will give you a better idea of that 'Connell,' than if I should explain for an hour."

The young men went through the album; one an attentive listener, the other as a representation of Timbromania, doing his best to be understood, for simple and childish as the employment seems, it is not comprehended at a glance, as many imagine.

"It is very pretty" said Guy at length, as he raised his eyes thoughtfully to the face of his companion—"a face as plain to be read as an open book,"—but I don't see much use in it."

"My dear boy, is there any use in that picture on the wall or in this vase of flowers? you will say, no; and you will be wrong. They assist me, collaterally, of course, in my profession."

Let me illustrate for one moment. I am preparing for a case, that causes me considerable anxious thought. Uncertainty wearies the mind sooner than intense study, where the subject is clear. I fix my eyes, unconsciously on these flowers; in an instant I am bounding over the scenes of my boyhood, with all its elasticity coursing through my veins. It is only a moment, perhaps, but that moment revives my weary brain; I return with fresh zeal to my subject. Sometimes that moment decides my case, by giving an impetus to the mind, which no study could bring. Thus it is, Guy; nothing is small in this world, because no one link in life is detached from its fellow. When too much exhausted to benefit my client, or myself longer, I throw away my business, and try some innocent amusement. Lately I have enjoyed stamp collecting very much. I did it at first for my cousin—a dear and lovely girl she is too—though a little *outré*, just enough to make her interesting. She was constantly sending to me to procure her some rare stamps that had taken her fancy. In order to oblige her, I opened a correspondence with several American and Provincial stamp dealers. I found some in St. John, N. B., who keep an extensive stock, of the very best varieties. After a while I got instructed in the business myself,—and now I am as ardent a collector as she is.

Let me advise you, Guy; as you are anxious for initiation into the arena of life to try stamp collecting as a first degree; you can get an album after you arrive in England. Mine is Lallier's, but I think there must be better ones, for there are a number of mistakes in it, which one does not perceive at first. Moens is highly recommended, too, but I have seen none yet that I like so well as Oppen's."

"I should not know how to commence if I had an album," answered Guy.

"You'll soon understand it," was the encouraging reply, "take a few stamp magazines,—but I will write you down some directions, as you will be apt to forget all I have told you without them. You can't have a better beginning than that 'Connell.' I had a great deal of difficulty in getting one for my cousin, I only sent it to her yesterday; as for myself, I haven't got one yet."

After some further conversation on different topics, Guy took his leave, and a day or two after he was taking a different kind of degree—seasickness, on the Atlantic. If, as Dickens says, "it is a satisfaction, to see another undergoing the same horror," Guy Sinclair must have received some comfort, for Mr. Frost was "bemoaning his sad fate," in the next state-room, I suppose sea-sickness is as ancient as the first mariner; but the tutor, did not relish knowledge physically, as his groans testified.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Who was the first post-boy? Cadmus. He carried letters from Phœnecia to Greece.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

Composed of 39 letters.

My 19, 4, 38, 19, 31, 6, 5, 34, 12, 39, 9, 28, 23, 30, 18, is what every collector examines on buying a used stamp.

" 19, 27, 18, 3, 6, 17, 33, is the name of a dealer in stamps.

" 37, 18, 36, 20, 29, 8, 10, 19, 13, 32, 17, 18, is a stamp found in the commonest of collections.

" 7, 29, 35, 21, 12, 32, 25, 18, 18, is a quality usually attributed to young collectors.

" 26, 2, 14, 1, 6, 10, 18, 17, 11, 19, 30, is what you will say when you can't guess this enigma.

" 22, 15, 23, 27, 16, 1, 4, is a country that did not issue stamps till within two years.

My whole is the name of a postal publication.

STELLA MACKAY.

Answer to enigma in our last: "Meelenb Strelitz eindritte sillb gr—New South Wales postage one penny." Correctly solved by E. A. Craig and D. C. Dawson, St. John, N. B., and L. Case, Peterborough, C. W. In addition to the three packets we offer for the correct solution of the enigma in this month's *Gazette*, our fair contributor offers a prize of a 1d., 2d., and 6d. Ceylon envelope, stamp unused. Here is a chance seldom given to the ingenious.

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To Our Readers.

The first volume of the STAMP COLLECTOR'S GAZETTE with this number is complete. Twelve months have we earnestly laboured in our task of placing stamp collecting in its true light before the public, and explained as well as we could the many benefits arising from this interesting amusement. To keep our readers well informed as to the newly issued stamps &c., was at first no easy matter; but thanks to our large corps of correspondents—who month after month, in their leisure moments kindly sent us specimens and valuable information—we have succeeded far beyond our most sanguine expectations.

The whole course of the GAZETTE from its commencement has been marked with peculiar and gratifying success. When it first made its debut in St. John it was just one half its present size; but in the month of October we found, the pressure upon our advertising space so great, and in order to accomodate our subscribers as well as our advertising patrons, we enlarged the paper to double its original size, and it now is the *largest* timbrophilic publication in America. The manner in which this periodical has been conducted has drawn around us many friends, both at home and abroad, whilst we have we regret to say, made a few enemies, particularly those whose little swindling schemes we have effectually "nipped in the bud:" but the independent and truthful character of the GAZETTE is so well known, that all the base and contemptible stories set afloat by the knaves, who are still writhing from beneath our scathing remarks (in reference to their impositions upon collectors with forged stamps, and stamps which *never existed*;) pass by as the idle wind, and the GAZETTE'S reputation remains unsullied.

We are indeed sorry to have to caution our friends so often to beware of forgeries. So large a trade is being done in these stamps, that with most people the pleasure of stamp collecting is fast departing. Why; no later than to-day we learned from our London correspondent, that the complete set of new Egyptian stamps have been counterfeited and made their first appearance in England last month. Of course many of these are on their way to America; therefore,

we feel that we have done our duty in cautioning collectors against them in time.

We thank our friends cordially for their munificent support during our existence, and trust they will continue the same in the future as in the past.

Those of our subscribers who commenced with the GAZETTE for June 1st, 1865, will, if they desire the paper another year, please remit to us their subscriptions as early in the present month as possible, so that our mailing clerk will not be unnecessarily delayed in making out the subscription book for 1866 and 1867.

We shall endeavour as far as lies in our power, to make vol. 2 of the GAZETTE even more interesting to the general reader than its predecessor, and with pleasure announce that we are now making arrangements to have a new font of type to be used expressly for this journal.

In conclusion we tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen of the press of this city and elsewhere, who, in the kindest manner possible, thought fit to recognise our efforts to raise stamp collecting to a proper standard in this community, by giving us every encouragement in their power, and many flattering notices.

A slight misapprehension, appears to exist with many of our United States correspondents in reference to the scale of postage between that country and the British Provinces. We have received several letters now and then bearing a 3 cent instead of a 10 cent stamp—and of course for the letters had to pay 10 cents each. The 3 cent stamp is obliterated by the U.S. authorities but does not count as anything, and the letter comes as if nothing was affixed thereto; the whole postage (10c.) being charged upon its arrival. We hope this will be borne in mind by "our American cousins" and considerable inconvenience will be saved thereby.

The amount of money orders paid at the St. John post office for the month of April was \$13,212.61, being \$4,690.38 more than was paid the same month last year. The amount drawn, (\$1,731.17) being \$763.74 more than that of April 1865.

Newly Issued Stamps.



UNITED STATES.—Our first illustration this month represents the 15 cent stamp of the United States of America; the value of which, (15c) by the way is entirely new. This stamp, as the engraving shows, has for its centre figure the bust of the late PRESIDENT LINCOLN, a man for whom the whole nation mourns, and whose sterling integrity earned for him the characteristic title of "honest Old Abe."

We are pleased to see this mark of respect towards Mr. Lincoln evinced by the P. O. Department of the U. S., and hope ere long to announce others bearing the same profile. The color is black on white rectangular, and perforated.

A new 'local' from Westervelt's office New York, is to appear this month, blue 2 cents.

SHANGHAI. That "local"; another one yet, a 1 candareen blue just out.

SPAIN. Stamp collectors are greatly indebted to this country for many additions to their books. They will perhaps not feel surprised when we inform them that another new stamp has been issued, although strictly speaking the stamp in question is not a postage stamp, for it is used by the members of Parliament,—as we call them here, or as they are termed in Spain "Congress of Deputies" for franking their letters written in the house, yet we believe they will be admitted as stamps in albums. The design of this stamp is, in the centre of a long oval are the arms of Spain, and crown, around this, on the outside border are the words, *Congreso de los Diputados* at top, and "*Correo*" at bottom, black in colour.

TRINIDAD. Several minor changes in colour have taken place here, as well as in the BAHAMAS stamps.

NORTH GERMANY. Three new stamps (which completes the new set for the Northern States) have been issued. An engraving of the $\frac{1}{4}$ s gr black is annexed, the others are 5 s gr lilac, and 10 s gr vermillion.



BELGIUM. Our friend of the *S. C. Magazine* has been shown a new essay for this country, which he says is very superior to the current issue, but retaining, the great imperfection of omission of country's name. It bears a good portrait of the present king in uniform, POSTES above, value 20 centimes, below.

GREAT BRITAIN. The 9d with large letters at angles, has been withdrawn.

PRUSSIA. Essays have been submitted, to the government which it is thought will be adopted. The first one we will describe is 10 s gr, in

the centre of this label is a large figure 10 in an oval frame, around which enclosed in a band are the words PREUSSEN at top, and SILB GR at bottom. In the O are the words POST MARKE several Prussian eagles are also to be seen in the ground work, color rose. The other is 30 silb, gr., the frame is rectangular instead of oval, color blue, both are perforated, and it is supposed will be used for registered letters.

BRITISH COLUMBIA Our readers will observe that we bring before them a second time the cut of the essay of British Columbia, which appeared in our magazine for November last. Our object in doing so is this. The Stamp from which this was engraved was, the essay, and not the *bona fide* stamp as we at first



supposed it was. We now give the description of the *original* stamp, which it will be seen is far superior to the one proposed, BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAGE runs down the band at top, and the value is below, a double cross appears at the sides. The crown and V it will be seen in the cut invades the band, whereas in the stamp itself they occupy the centre, and the band is not broken, the angles are a little round.

It's a proverbial fact that we must go "abroad for home news"—even away off to England to find out that the twelve cents United States envelope is now brown, the 24 cents dull blue and the 40 cents rose—what is the matter with our U. S. correspondents? This item should have been communicated to us long before this.—The news is rather old seeing it had to make the journey to Great Britain, and back again.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—A new 13c has just been issued.

URUGUAY.—We direct attention to the engraving of the 10c stamp of this country which appeared in our January number. We, it will be remembered, informed our readers that they, (the new issue,) would appear in January. This was we understand the intention, but somehow or other some one blundered and the real stamp is thus described by a contemporary:—"no inscription at sides, the whole being above; MONTEVIDEO as represented. Value in words, repeated on both figures. Background composed of the value, 10 centesimos, in minute characters." The other values are similar.

HOLLAND. New stamps will shortly be issued.

OUR EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT writing under date April 13th, says:—A letter received from West Indies, this morning informs me of a new issue for Tobago; but gives no particulars."

HOLSTEIN. Our printers last month made us say $\frac{1}{4}$ sch instead of $1\frac{1}{4}$ schilling.

OUR LONDON SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, 14th April writes: "I have heard of the *intended* issue of a 50 cent Swiss but should be sorry to vouch for it."

DUTCH GUIANA. We learn that stamps will be issued soon here.

Notices of several other new stamps and probable issues crowded out, will appear in our next.

REMEMBER!!! The "Baldwin's R. R. Postage 2d, and Fenian Essays" are humbugs.

[WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE."

LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER II.

"Have I really found you at last, Ellis Blair," and Harriet Percy swept into the young lawyer's office, much as if she had unexpectedly pounced upon a northwest passage, or some other equally desirable discovery. "I declare you've been playing hide and seek with me for a week, and I am sure if you were a veritable Koh-i-man you would not keep yourself more jealously hid from vulgar sight than you now do. It's a wonder I got in, even after finding you, for that young cerberus, who mounts guard outside, was, determined not to let me in, for he said you had a 'client'." Here the volatile girl, suddenly remembered the 'client,' and turned towards a middle-aged woman who was quietly observing her. The next moment she was fondling her and exclaiming "Oh you dear, delightful, old darling! when did you come to the city and what *are* you doing in Ellis Blair's office?"

"Come, cousin Harrie, what are you doing, taking possession of my client in that way?" remonstrated Ellis Blair as soon as he could speak. "Why it's next to 'assault and battery' to hug auntie Pepper in such a manner; sit down like a good girl, and I'll tell you what she's doing in my office."

"I'm sure I don't know where I am to sit," was the reply as Harriet glanced around in affected hopelessness, "goodness only knows who sat in *that* chair last, it looks as if it could tell strange secrets if it only would. The fact is, auntie Pepper, I think it is dangerous sitting in a law office at all, especially Ellis Blair's, nobody knows what kind of a bill he'll have against you. It can't be helped now, though, so here I go; and now let's hear the 'client's' business," and again the gay creature mimicked the "cerberus outside," as she seated herself on a couch.

Mrs Pepper explained that the household at Rose Lodge was broken up, and that she was looking for a situation.

"You should have come to me, auntie," said Harriet, "what do you suppose lawyers know about situations for respectable old ladies like

you? I'm just astonished at you, and shall take you home with me, for I'm sure you're not fit to take care of yourself. Running after young lawyer's indeed—oh, if mother Bunnell at the lodge only knew of it! But, Ellis, I came here on purpose to consult you about my 'Connell'; I've lost it."

"Lost your Connell, Harrie; where?"

"Oh I don't know where, exactly, most astute sir; I know I've lost it and that's enough."

"Do be reasonable, Harrie," answered Ellis, "you have some idea where you lost it, I suppose."

"I've plenty of ideas, if that's all; the most forcible one seems to be that I lost it out of my portmonia, while shopping. I never missed it till I got home, and went back immediately into every store where I had been, and Mr. West nearly grew round shouldered looking for it."

"Well, cousin," inquired Blair, "what can I do about it?"

"What a 'Daniel, you are! why advertise it Mr. Blair."

"Advertise a postage stamp" repeated her cousin, in amazement. "It would be ridiculous."

"And who objects to that, pray? Let the onus rest on me; I'd rather be ridiculous than not. If you won't write it for me, I'll go straight into Mr. Billings, next door."

"But cousin Harrie," expostulated Ellis Blair, "it will cost less to get another, and you never expect to find it in this large city, I'm certain."

"I don't want another, and I *do* expect to find it, Ellis Blair."

"How is any one to know that Connell from another, is more than I can tell" said the young man reflectively. "Let me negotiate for another; do."

"Ellis Blair I'm determined to have that Connell and no other. who wants a fac simile, or one that comes out of the bank note buildings. I don't, any way. Will you advertise it for me or not?"

"Yes; if you will have it so," answered her cousin, sinking back into his chair.

"There is something else I want to tell you, cousin," said Harriet, dropping her eyelids and flushing crimson, "only you must promise me not to laugh. It's the most unheard of absurdity and just like a transaction that might take place in Constantinople; only in this place Mr. Sinclair is the sultan, and that petrified Greek-root, Mr. Frost, the grand vizier. The latter called, with all the authority of an ambassador, to inform me of my future prospects, about a week ago, but I think he won't take charge of such a commission again. I got a hint of his errand, and was prepared with a funny old wig on, that was manufactured a century ago, and a pair of the most hideous goggles you ever saw. I had a revolver and bowie knife on the table beside me, and looked ferocious enough; besides, I pretended to be deaf, and made the old fossil hoarse screeching to me. Somebody, who ought

to know better, says 'a little learning is a dangerous thing'—in my opinion a great deal, makes fools of some men. Oh, dear; it nearly kills me when I think of it;" and a merry burst of laughter followed, in which Ellis Blair joined heartily, while aunt Pepper's feeble response sounded like a ventriloquism.

"Ellis Blair," questioned Harrie, as soon as her merriment had subsided, "did'nt you know about this arrangement? Don't tell a fib now, I'm sure you did, and it was not at all cousinly in you not to tell me of it. Had I known, I certainly should have horrified that young Guy, so that he would never return to America again. In that case the bargain would be void, for nobody need suppose I am going to remain an old maid all my life just to gratify other people. To be serious, Ellis, I would repudiate any such disposal of my hand," and the musical voice sank to the softest cadence "only it appears to have been dear pa's wish. It is the only hold the Sinclair's have on me. Pa left a letter for me to read, and ma wrote a line on it only the day before she died, and I cried over it till I was quite blind. Mr. Frost brought it to me, but I did not read it till after he was gone: if I had I should have thrown my wig and spectacles across the room, and hugged the old fellow, just as I did auntie Peppers just now. And then there would have been a coroner's inquest, I suppose. Oh, well: I've thought and thought until my mind is 'muddled' as poor dear Stephen's was. All I know is that I won't break the engagement, but whether, or not I shall make young Guy do it I have not quite decided, I'm afraid. It would be about the same in the end, would'nt it? I shall go and see Mr. Sinclair now that youngster is out of the way, and we'll see if I can't have some hand in these deputy betrothals. What kind of a child is Guy Sinclair, cousin?"

"Oh a capital fellow, Harrie; that is, he will be as soon as he changes his 'fossil' for a certain love companion I know of."

"Mr. Ellis, did'nt you promise not to laugh?" exclaimed Harrie while the dimples came and went in her glowing cheeks. "I'll wager anything he has got neutral tinted hair and eyes, walks with his head on one side, and talks through his nose like Mr. Frost."

"Will you wager your Connell, cousin Harrie, asked Ellis Blair.

"Yes; undoubtedly, for I'm sure to be right." was the reply.

"Well, you've lost it, then; but I shall not tell you what he *does* look like, for curiosity is excellent just at present to digest certain misappreciated arrangements."

"Please to tell me, then, if he would know a mastodon from our old house dog."

"I don't answer questions that disparage my young friend, Harrie Percy. But the Connell being mine, I need not advertise it, I suppose," queried Ellis Blair.

Oh yes, you need; it's not yours till you get

it, and besides, you have not proved me wrong yet, you only asserted it, which is quite another thing; isn't it auntie Pepper?

But, come, I've got a plan in my head that I will procure you a delectable post, but I won't say another word about it till I'm sure, Till then, you are my welcome guest. Don't forget that advertisement, Ellis; I shall expect to see it in a dozen papers at least to-morrow."

Ellis Blair looked after his cousin, with a thoughtful expression, and just a touch of sadness in it, on his face, as she turned to smile her adieus to him from the street.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 58 letters.

My 49, 55, 25, 10, 31, 17, 58, 15, 14, 45, 21, 27, 31, 23, 38, 47, 12, 51, 38, 39, 1, 27, are possessed by most collectors.

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" 46, 35, 39, 7, 12, 36, 34, 145, 51, 28, is a gentleman well known to collectors.

" 4, 9, 37, 55, 40, 13, advertises in the *Gazette*.

" 30, 5, 22, 19, 28, 11, 6, 42, 36, 44, is a person who will not soon be forgotten by *Timbrophilists*.

" 7, 2, 45, 26, 42, 6, 10, 5, 54, 39, 37, 18, 26, 31, never existed as a *bona fide* postage stamp.

" 11, 45, 13, 30, 9, 21, 32, has three stamps, 46, 24, 33, 48, 14, 56, advertises in this paper.

" 43, 38, 4, 51, 32, 44, 20, has lately issued a new stamp.

My whole is a postal publication.

DEMOSTHENES SPRIGGLES.

(Answer next month.)

The answer to enigma in last month's *Gazette* was "Die Allgemeine Deutsche Brief marken Zeitung." (*The general German stamp magazine*.) We received upwards of twenty answers, all of which were "Der" instead of "Die." So we could not award the prize offered by STELLA, as she contended, that the answers sent were incorrect, however, we sent our prizes—to those who came first. L. C., Peterboro', R. McL., Burlington, Vt., and J. A. N., Montreal. Our reason for suppressing names, and substituting initials is that several of our correspondents complained of it; for they do not wish to have their names in print. This, we hope will prove satisfactory. In addition to the three packets of stamps for correct solution to above enigma, we also offer an unused Venezuela $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo for the first correct answer received.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Oooooaaaappnsbdlllllntttee the inscription on a European stamp.

2. Eeennoptvaiclr inscription on an African stamp.

3. Tttfssiiiuurrrrveeoce inscription on an Australian stamp.

We will send for answer to No. 1 a new Egyptian stamp, for No. 2 a new Bermuda 1d and Cape of Good Hope 1d, rectangular, fo. No. 3 new issue Schleswig 4 and 1½ sch and the new German 1 kr Envelope. All the prizes are under.

Answers given next month.

Postal Chit-Chat.

The *Collector's Circular* of Pres'on is quite lively this month, and is very ably edited. Swindlers—whose name is legion—for safety sake had bet'er keep clear of the *Circular* for they might become as the babes known in history—suddenly lost.

Winterburn's circular as usual is first class. It is cheap, too, see advertisement in another column.

THE Post Office Department has placed a letter box in each horse car in Philadelphia U. S. A. with a large mouth opening outward, so that people on the line of the road can drop letters in as the car moves on. The box is emptied at the post office.

It is altogether owing to an accidental omission, that we did not notice Mr. W. D. Atlee's circular ere this. We were brought to our senses however, last month by the receipt of its (we believe) ninth number, which as usual was well filled, and is a source of information not only to the collector, but also the dealer. It is always "a welcome guest" in our sanctum.

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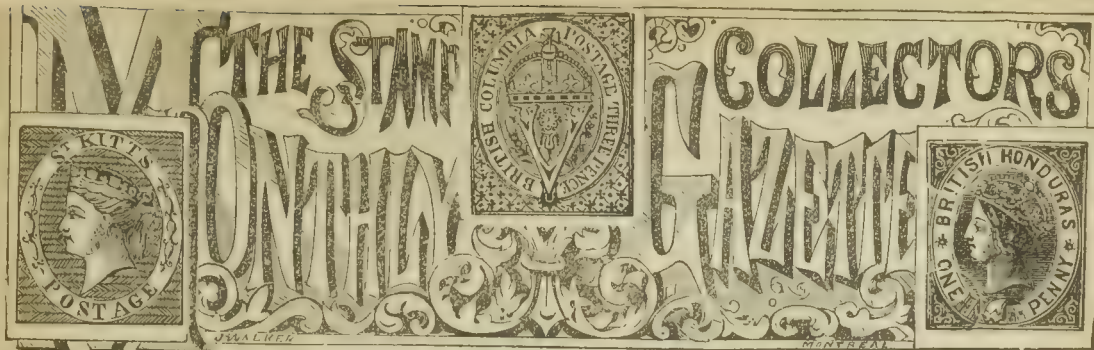
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LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER III.

Guy Sinclair, the millionaire, was sitting in his private office with his sad eyes looking at some papers on the table before him. These papers were yellow and old, and there was an indistinguishable something about them that might make one of acute sensibilities imagine they were receiving a photographic shade from the mind which communed with them through Guy Sinclair's eyes. He is a quiet, gentle, grave-looking man; one who has left the hopes and joys of a life-love to moulder among the ruins of the past and stepped out into the grey twilight of the future, with the path bordered, not with pansies as of old, oh no! only the cold blossoms that spring up beneath the step of duty. Such blossoms may bring contentment and gratify the reason, but they never thrill the heart or permeate the senses, no matter what moralists may say to the contrary. A low tap at his door caused a drawer to be suddenly opened and as suddenly closed, and when Harriet Percy was announced no records of the past lay before the millionaire, and its shadows were gone from his face. He had not caught the name, but arose to receive her courteously as it was his nature to do; a look of surprise and doubt arrested him for a moment, and Harriet Percy and Guy Sinclair stood gazing into each others eyes. But it was only for a moment, for the doubt cleared away, and a smile, beautiful as a woman's rested on the sad face.

"Yes, I see," he said, "you are King Percy's daughter."

"Did you know me, sir?" asked Harriet, looking up into the eyes which had won her confidence with one glance.

"No, my dear," was the reply, "but you are so like your father, that I could not rest in doubt save for a moment," and he caressed the soft cheek with his hand as he gazed earnestly at

her. "You are the last of many children and was dearly loved I know. Do you remember your parents Harriet?—that is your name I believe."

"My memory is indistinct concerning papa, but I recollect dear ma well; I was young," she pleaded confidently "and am giddy I'm afraid."

"Yes, yes," and he smiled again, "like King Percy, but your heart is sound I'm sure like his,—I hope so at least, for my poor boy's sake."

"Why do you say *poor boy*?" asked Harriet quickly.

He evaded the question by remembering that his guest was standing; then said pleasantly, "a girl's query my dear."

"Mr. Sinclair," explained Harriet her fair, young face growing grave and earnest as she spoke "I was impelled to come there though I knew many people would say it was altogether wrong for me to yield to an impulse, and that etiquette would bid me wait till I was invited at least. But, though you profess to have known and loved my parents, and though you have been my guardian and have cared for me all these years past, I cannot help fearing there is, or was some impediment which I ought not to have disregarded by coming to see you without permission; if so, I hope you will excuse and forgive me. It is not curiosity that has brought me, though that I believe is one of a girl's prerogatives; but because I had so much on my mind, after the communication you made through Mr. Frost, that I felt there was no other way of relieving it."

"You have done quite right to obey your instincts, my child," said Mr. Sinclair assuringly, "and there is no impediment, no palpable one at least, that should have been removed first. I am very happy to see you and I trust you will speak freely of whatever is perplexing your mind."

"How kind you are, sir, to give me so much liberty," answered Harriet in a glow of gratitude, "for you know it is not easy to speak of such matters to a stranger and one so much my senior. Since I have been in here, Mr. Sinclair,

"glancing around the room" I understand what was before something of a mystery to me. Sitting here day after day,—isolated as it were from the world, with those desks and shelves and pigeon-holes. Those heavy ledgers and files of papers all preaching a sermon against any thing and every thing that looks like romance or sentiment, it is no wonder that you should have forgotten all you ever knew about girls and their ways. It seems then that neither my dear papa, nor yourself remembered that the very way to prevent a young couple from becoming interested in each other was to betroth them without their consent, or concurrence, I have often lamented that I was so different from other girls, in my way of thinking and acting, but now I am glad of it. If I had been, instead of coming here, I should have felt myself aggrieved and insulted, and just as likely as not, gone off and married the first man that would have me. That would be dreadful, you know, for you would be grieved and the memory of my dear parents outraged; then all the world, *my* world I mean, would cry out against me as an ingrate, of course the man I married would become hateful to me, after my spite was gratified, and nobody would be pleased but young Guy Sinclair."

"Why do you imagine my son would be pleased at such a step?" asked Mr. Sinclair thoughtfully.

"Why do I think so?" repeated the young girl with a gesture of surprise, "why, because he's young and because he's human; because he wants the novelty, the joy the excitements the doubts and fears, and every other phase of feeling that accompanies the young heart in its search after the duplicate. I believe that the principal aspirations of early life all tend more or less in that direction. It is not the mere fact of having a wife that satisfies a young man,—he wants to find her—to love her—to win her himself—when he gets her by a representation, it is like getting a suit of clothes by contract—it is more than likely they will not suit—of course young Guy would be pleased, unless Mr. Frost while rooting Greek and Latin into his brain has rooted all love fancies out of it."

"Have you been talking at random, my dear?" inquired Mr. Sinclair as he looked keenly in the girl's face—merely supposing a case, as it were."

"Certainly it was only supposition." was the reply.

"You did not mean, then that Guy *has* protested against this contemplated marriage!"

"Has he, though—really; "Harriet's face lost its gravity and a roguish smile rose to her lips and shone in her clear eyes. "I like that—it looks as if that horrid tutor had not quite drilled his manhood all out of him—He'll get on better now, that is, I shall not detest the thought of it so much as I did."

You *did* object to it, then, my dear! "said Mr. Sinclair inquiringly.

"Of course I did, sir! any girl would. But I honor his wishes so much that I did not quite like to object to it out and out.

"You are a noble girl, Harriet, and I feel that you have done me good by coming here. I wish my son could see you as I do to day."

Here a long conference followed, which ended in Harriet Percy electrifying Auntie Peppers on her arrival in that worthy woman's presence, by proposing a trip to Europe, with Mrs. Peppers as companion.

Auntie Peppers accepted and refused—acquiesced and objected, consented and demurred. She wanted to go but she feared the ocean—she liked Harriet's company but she dreaded the foreigners she would necessarily meet—she was sure that no mistress would be so indulgent—yet—well it was all so sudden and so unexpected and she had never in all her life been twenty miles away from Rose Lodge till now—it would be all right when she had made up her mind to go, as of course she should, and get used to the idea. Here the old lady detailed a number of omens and dreams which all went to prove that it was her destiny to accompany Miss Percy to Europe. There was no round outside of destiny with Mrs. Peppers when she saw her way plainly she went on without a murmur removing all unpleasant obstacles as they presented themselves.

Having "made up her mind" the good woman's serene composure returned and she commenced at once preprang for her journey with as much pleasure as though it was only a returning to Rose Lodge. At the end of a month Harriet Percy, under the care of a family of tourists, and attended particularly by Auntie Peppers, left the United States for an indefinite period, left it with tearful eyes, as she lost sight of one figure standing among the crowd that gazed after the departing steamer—a friend of long and true standing, Ellis Blair.

TO BE CONTINUED.

(Written for the Stamp Collector's *Monthly Gazette*.)

FORGED TURKISH STAMPS.

BY EDWARD L. PEMBERTON ESQ.

Very good forgeries of the obsolete issue of the Ottoman Empire are being offered for sale in England. Of these I have seen the four values, yellow, blue, rose, and slate, but the last colour I have been unable to get for comparison. These forgeries are very well executed, but in colour are very different in shade to any genuine that I have seen. The Turkish writing on the crescent differ a good deal, but these characters it would be impossible for me to describe, so I will give such other differences as are most easily conveyed in writing.

Yellow. Over the three upper points of the sign manuel is an arch, which in the genuine stamp touches the thin border line above it; in the forgery this arch does not touch. At the base of this arch on each side is a black dot, in the forgery the left one, is not level

with that on the right side. In the forgery the right point of the crescent points up into the right side of the ornament above, whereas in the genuine yellow it points upwards but just misses the right side of the ornament. The Turkish numeral differs, in the forgery, the down stroke of this numeral is thicker at the base than where it joins the cross stroke, and does not touch the line just below it; in the genuine this is reversed, and it touches the outline of the space which encloses it, this space is not bounded by one continuous line as drawn in the forgery, but has a break in it below the numeral, at which point the numeral touches it.

Blue. The border is of dots, in the forgery the top row is of 24, in the genuine 22, bottom row forgery 24, genuine 21. The sides (counting the corner dots which are also reckoned with sides above) 29 in genuine, 31 in forgery, this is the right side; on the left they are genuine 28, forgery 31. There are two wing-like ornaments under the crescent, one each side, in the forgery the left one touches the side border line, and the right one nearly dots in the genuine stamp neither of them touch the side border line.

Rose. Both sides of the crescent are of equal height and length; in the forgery the right side is much higher than the left one, and the ends are different, the left end touches the ornament above it, and at the same time turning rather inwards (i. e. to the right), in the genuine it does not touch, but points to the right of the ornament above it.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"HOW TO DETECT FORGED STAMPS,"

BY

THOMAS DALSTON, ESQ.

[As they are many forged LA GUAIRAS in circulation and so well executed the attention of our readers is called to the following: The genuine are *denticulated*, not *perforated* as the forged are. The forged have an O printed on them and gummed. Color bright.—*Ed. Gazette.*

LA GUAIRA

1864.—Name, $\frac{1}{2}$ real, pink; 2 reals, green.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

1. The Q of Paquete has a long curved tail.

2. The O in cabells is round.

3. The waves are nicely engraved.

4. The 8 in right hand top corner in the 2r is well shaped.

1. There is hardly any tail.

2. The O is circular.

3. The waves do not seem to be well done.

4. The 8 is badly shaped, and appears like a piece of ornament.

IONIAN ISLANDS.

1860.— $\frac{1}{2}$ d, yellow, 1d blue, 2d lake; value not indicated. These forgeries are very blotched,

and the inscription is irregularly printed. The last N in Ionikon is only about half the size of the first, and the two l's are not the same size. The collector has little chance of being mistaken in the identity of these forgeries.

Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

No. 4.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

This colony has furnished collectors with 24 different stamps for their albums. Three distinct issues have taken place. The first series comprising 1d 2d 3d 4d 5d 6d 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ d 8d and 1 were issued January 1st 1857. The colour of them all (with the exception of the three pence stamps which was green) was scarlet, and *all were issued at the same time.* The "red" series as it is called, came forth in 1861. We append a description of them. *One Penny*—a square stamp in the centre of which is a crown surrounded by four stars each containing a flower. The shamrock in the upper right hand corner, and the rose in the left. The thistle in the left or lower angle, and the rose in the right. Figure 1 at four corners. Inscription—*St. John's* at left side, *New Found* at top, *Land* at right side, and *Postage One Penny* below. The *Five Pence* is identical with this, except in value. The *Two Pence* is rectangular, inscription *St. John's Newfoundland* in an oval at top—*Postage two pence* below, figure 2 in four corners, a circle in an oval frame contains a boquet of rose, thistle, and shamrock flowers. A dotted or pearl border goes round the stamp. *Three Pence green*, triangular, usual inscription, at sides and bottom, figure 3 at corners, rose, thistle and shamrock in centre. *Four Pence* rectangular, similar to 2d except word *postage* in small letters straight across, is over inscription at top, and boquet comprising the usual emblems, is in a smaller oval disk, 4 in corners. To this stamp there is no pearl border. The value in words below. *Six Pence* rectangular same as 4d word *Postage* at top, is considerably larger, and oval in centre, with boquet, longer. *Six pence Half Penny*, rectangular, *Six pence* in curved line above, *Half penny* below, *St. John's Newfoundland* semi circular over boquet, with emblems in small oval, *Postage* in small letters directly over circle, numeral 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in four corners. *Eight Pence*, rectangular, *Postage* in small letters in an arch at top, *Eight Pence* below, usual inscription over centre, figure 8 in corners. *One shilling* rectangular same as two pence stamp, except in value, and this one has a dotted border. The stamps printed in red (1861) are the same. The new "cent" issue appeared in November 1865, a description of them will be found in the *Gazette* for February 1866. We have very often seen in catalogues (which pass for high authorities on postage stamps) incorrect dates given about the time the "pence" series were issued, some have 1858-59, others 1861 to

63. We have corrected errors in dates time and again, and have arrived at the conclusion that compilers of catalogues manufacture all the dates they give, themselves, Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island Newfoundland, *we know* have been served thus, and many countries of which we know little, have of course shared the same fate. As we said before "better for compilers to give no date than a wrong one." The following may be of interest to our readers. The 2 cents stamp pays postage on papers from Newfoundland to the United States and British provinces, five cents inland postage, 10 cents United States, West Indies, and P. E. Island, 12 cents and 24 cents to United Kingdom, and 13 cents to Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S Monthly Gazette.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JUNE, 1866.

The patrons of the *Gazette* will perceive that it has been enlarged from four to twelve pages. We have been compelled to do this through an increasing pressure on our advertising columns, and to avoid the annoyance of having editorial and other matter frequently left over. This is the second enlargement we have had to make during the twelve months the *Gazette* has been in existence. It is now *three* times its original size: but the annual subscription remains the same, as do also our advertising terms. We will not say anything of the appearance or character of the *Gazette* as a stamp journal—of these our readers can judge; but of its circulation we would remark, that it far exceeds that of any similar periodical on this continent, and consequently as an advertising medium surpasses all others. We hope therefore that our friends will continue their kind efforts in our behalf, and that before the close of the present volume we will be able by increased subscriptions and additional advertising patronage, to improve still more the size and appearance of our journal.

THE BOGUS BALDWIN!!

The vender of what is called "*Baldwins Railroad Postage two pence*" having publicly asserted that this local belongs to *New Brunswick, New Jersey!!* we wrote to the Postmaster of that town on the 15th ult., and received in reply the following.

P. O. New Brunswick, New Jersey,
May 19, 1866.

GEORGE STEWART, JR. ESQ.,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter, allow me to say that I have *no knowledge* of any Express Co., named

as that (*Baldwins Rail Road Express*) in your communication.

There has been none! The evidence to my mind comes from the *fact* of the stamp being "*two pence*" our currency is decimal and the word *pence* is *never* used in business circles and especially on stamps.

Yours Very Respectfully.

JOHN T. JENKINS, P. M.

The above we think is conclusive evidence that the "Baldwin" "Locals" do not belong to New Jersey any more than to our own province. Perhaps the ingenuity of the forgers may discover another *New Brunswick* and shift again the local habitation of this important forgery. Respecting "locals" generally our readers should bear in mind that many such are manufactured for the purpose of duping collectors; and that great care and caution are required to avoid being victimised. In all new and doubtful cases we would advise our readers to enquire of the local Postmaster before purchasing, whether such locals *do* or *ever did* exist. This would we think lead to an *expose* of swindling, that would be quite refreshing and useful to the timbrophilic world.

NEW HEADING. Our readers will observe that our first page this issue is embellished with a magnificently engraved ornamental heading, which we think greatly improves the appearance of our paper. Next month the *Gazette* will appear clothed in handsome new type. This additional expense together with the heading and enlargement, ought to induce our subscribers to exert themselves a little more in obtaining for us, subscriptions and advertisements. "A nod is as good as a wink to a certain noble animal whose visual organs are defective."

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK, is the name of a small monthly interested in timbophily, which made its first appearance in our city last month. It is issued by the Excelsior Stamp Association.

The mania for owning and editing newspapers now-a-days seems to be increasing rapidly, and literary adventures are being constantly thrust upon the reading public for support. We wish all our friends in the editorial line success, and with joy welcome in our Sanctum every new comer. The latest brochure is entitled "*Twice a Month*" and is really deserving of the patronage of all—Terms 50 cents per annum.

Our friend R. P. Gould, in company with Mr. Canfield of Newport, R. I. have commenced the publication of a small paper entitled the "*Collector's Guide*" the first number of which appeared on the 15th ult. Its contents are varied and interesting. The "get up" is first rate, and we hope that it will prove successful.

Newly Issued Stamps.

ST. KITTS.



Our engraving represents the new stamp adopted for this Island by the postal authorities. It will be perceived that it strongly resembles the current issue for St Lucia, and like that Island no designation of value appears; but their values are distinguished by their colour.

BREMEN. We have been shown two essays for Bremen. The first one is rectangular, with a plain border except six pointed stars in each corner, and the words *HANSESTADT* between the upper stars. In the centre is a circle composed of eccentric curves enclosing the figure 1 in which there is another circle with the emblematic key. Parallel with the corner border is the value *EIN GROTEN*, and in a scroll over the top *UM SATZ STEUER*. The rest of the stamp is filled in with diagonal lines, impression on tinted paper, orange.

The second is also rectangular. In the centre is a crowned shield resting on an ornamental base, and containing the key, on each side of the shield and supporting it are lions rampant surrounding the whole is a wide border containing the legend (letters in white) *DECLARATIONS ABGABE*, outwardly there is a narrow white band which touches the border of the stamp in three places. Below the circle in an octagon with the lateral size much elongated is *GROTEN* each side of which is a large figure 1. In the top corners are vases uniform in shade with the rest of the stamp. The whole is surrounded by a border composed of fine spiral lines. The body of the stamp except within the circle and octagon is covered with alternate heavy and light lines giving a unique appearance to the stamp. The impression on heavy tinted paper is in deep crimson. Both stamps are superior to anything in the existing set, but are lacking in the name of the country. (**BREMEN**)

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN. The 5's ch envelope is now printed *yellow brown*,

UNITED STATES. The present *two cent envelope* exists in *three* varieties black impression on yellow, buff and straw. The current 3 cent brown are printed lighter now than at first.

The present 9 cent exists in *yellow* and *orange* (yellow is the common colour). There is also a 6 cent large figure (same pattern as 3c brown) impression, *vermillion* on buff and on white, which has never been noticed or catalogued by foreign dealers. It was issued last year and is an official envelope.

Our friend of the *S. C. Magazine* is mistaken, as to the 3 cent *vermillion* being *obsolete*. It is printed in *vermillion* on letter size and in *brown* on official size,

CUBA. In our March number we described the new issue for Cuba; and mentioned the 10

and 20 cents we have two more to chronicle viz., the 5 cent *lilac* and 40 cent *rose* not perforated.

VICTORIA. A new sixpence stamp similar in design to the 10d *blue*, watermarked with the figure 6, succeeds the black 6d which was *not* the handsomest stamp in the world according to high and mighty authorities who profess to be judges of the beautiful.

TURKEY. A circular stamp issued by the Local Post office, said to be for papers, 3½ paras is just out. This stamp is really "queer." The hieroglyphic in Turkish *ch ra ter* (*GAZETTA FANGASSI CHEHIR POSTASSI*) means seals for the journals sent through the local post.

SWEDEN. In the *Gazette* for March we announced that it was the intention of the Swedish P. O. Department to issue a 17 and 20 ore stamp. The have now appeared; in design a close resemblance to the 3 ore brown, is perceptible. The colour of the former is *lilac* and of the latter *scarlet* perforated.

URAGUAY. The values and colours of the new issue described last month are 5c *blue*, 10c *green* 15c *yellow*, and 20c *rose*.

KALTBAD. We give a description of the Rigi-Kaltbad local, rectangular, perforated, circle (scalloped) in the centre containing a bouquet of flowers, round the border outside of inner circle is *RIGI* at top, *KALTBAD* below, a star each side.

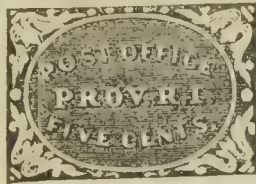
HAMBURG. We announced a prospective new issue last April for this country, and described two stamps. The adhesive stamp (for there is only one up to the present time) is pink value 1½ sch, similar to last issue but much more beautiful. The envelopes are very handsome. The figures being *embossed* leave as it were the castle in the background and renders the stamp very pleasing to the eye. We give the colour and values. Black ½ sch, mauve 1½ sch, pink 1½ sch, orange 2 sch, blue 3 sch, green 4 sch magenta 7 sch. It is thought that three new envelopes will be issued to make up the set.

FINLAND. The new stamp for this province is a regular novelty, a rectangular, perforated label printed in two colours oval in centre, round which are the words *KAUPUNGIN POST HIESINGFORS* 10 *pennia* at left side, 10 *pennia*, at right, a band containing *STADSPOST* runs from top to bottom in centre of stamp, figure 10 at top and bottom chequered ground, colour on band, *red*, the rest of the stamp is bright green on white paper.

BERMUDA. Another addition has been made to the set in the shape of a twopence blue, similar to the others, *BERMUDA* in straight line, and value in a curve.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK—A knock that brings everybody down.

Concerning the Providence R. I. 5 and 10 cents



stamps, we have a few words to say. In our paper for June and July 1865 we, in noticing these stamps said that they were issued by "authority of the United States" this is incorrect.

They were printed in 1846-7, and used for pre-paying any postage at 5 or 10 cents. Our authority for the above is the Postmaster of Providence R. I. He says they were not issued by authority of the United States. Then by whom and by what "authority" were they issued? The P. M. says they were used for paying postage of their respective values both local and otherwise. Now if such was the case there must have been some "authority" for their issue; else how could they have been officially used? The case assumes rather a puzzling attitude; will some of our subscribers in "Little Rhody" please enlighten us? Our reason for reproducing our engraving, is, that as we do not stereotype the *Gazette*, and owing to the great rush for back numbers which has entirely used up our early edition, hundreds of our new subscribers who have never seen the stamp itself, or even heard of it, would scarcely understand thoroughly a mere verbal description, we have concluded to give once more our illustration of it.

Postal Chit-Chat.

THE amount of Money Orders drawn at the St. John Post Office in May, was \$2283.57, or 1091.47 more than the corresponding month last year; and the amount of orders paid was \$16121.02, or \$5478.06 more than was paid in May 1865.

"OFF SHE goes!" said Mr. Brown to his spouse, as they started by the railway. "You are wrong," said Mrs. Brown, "for this is the *Mail train*."

A would-be gentleman, the other day, called at the post office, and displayed his ignorance of natural history or the French language, or both, by requesting to be supplied with a stamped *antelope*!

How can a person who has not seen the Queen judging from her head as seen on the postage vignettes, know that she is of a very affectionate disposition? Because the "adhesiveness" at the back of her head is so remarkable, that even a person ignorant of phrenology cannot fail to be struck with it.

GENERAL GRANT took Vicksburg and General Wolfe took Quebec, but the only Generals taken account of by Stamp Dealers is a General Assortment.—*Postman's Knock*.

Most of the Stamp Dealers seem to prefer General Public.

POST OFFICE YARN.—A letter was recently put into a letter box, the appearance of which denoted that the writer was unaccustomed to the use of stamps, and had failed to make one stick at all. He had tried, and vainly tried, but the inveterate portrait of her Majesty would curl up; at last, in despair he pinned it to the envelope, and wrote under it "paid providing the pin doesn't come out."

THE "CONVICT" STAMPS.—A Western Australian correspondent in M. Moens' magazine informs him that the so-called convict stamps are really used for official purposes. Swan River being a crown colony is governed direct from England, and all the official communications between the mother country and the resident staff are franked by the ordinary stamp of the colony, with a perforation in the centre, which is made after they are obtained from the post office; and which, by distinguishing them from the rest, prevents the possibility of their being used to prepay the private correspondence of any of the officials, without detection.

A member of the French senate proposed, in the present session of the chamber, that the effigy on the postage stamps should be replaced by the emblematic figure on the imperial receipt, and other labels; his reasons being that it was not consistent with the respect and admiration due to the emperor that his portrait should be defaced every minute of the day, and by millions throughout France, by the strokes of the obliterating stamp! How deficient in loyalty, and in gallantry too, have English legislators shown themselves in permitting the likeness of our lady, the Queen to be subject to the same annihilating process for upwards of a quarter of a century, without once moving that Britannia or St. George and the Dragon should be substituted.—*Exchange*.

Mr. Connell—of New Brunswick stamp notoriety—and his honourable friend of the French Senate no doubt entertain precisely the same views as to whether the heads of royalty should adorn the stamps or not. Mr. C. who, with all his faults was just about the best P. M. G. we ever had in this province, was not so far wrong after all in having his "own honest countenance" delineated on our postage stamps. His hard grim visage could bear the punches made upon it by the post office clerk much better than could that of Her most Gracious Majesty, the Queen. What does the Hon. member for Carleton County say to this?

THE MANCHESTER MAIL TO LONDON IN 1721.—The following announcement from the postmaster of Manchester, as given in a bill in 1721, contrasts strangely with the latitude allowed now. "The post goes out to London," says he, "on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at nine o'clock in the morning. It will be best to bring the letters the night before the going out of the post, because the accounts and bags are

usually made up over night." In these days, when we may post up to within five minutes of the departing of a mail, and letters for America may be posted within ten minutes of the sailing of the packet, we cannot be too thankful for our privileges.—*English paper.*

It is a matter of notoriety, furnishing a fruitful subject for reflection and comment, that the great majority of complaints reaching the Post Office authorities take their rise with *clergymen*. As offering a curious commentary on the divine injunction to be merciful, and to forgive "seventy times seven." We once saw a requisition from a clergyman for the dismissal of a post office clerk—a man with a wife and several children, by the way—on the ground that he had thrice caused his letters to be missent, in each case losing the clerical correspondent a post.—*Her Majesty's mails.*

A MAN lately enquired for letters at the Post Office in Lexington (M. O.) and was told there was none, upon which he asked if there was not another post office in town.

Please take notice—The "Baldwins R. R. Postage two-pence," and "Fenian Essays" are bogus!!!

PRIZE ENIGMA

I am composed of 55 letters.

My 17, 42, 27, 8, 36, 21, 54, 32, 6, 40, 23, 11, 5, 14, has often been seen in the *Gazette*.

" 43, 26, 38, 6, 28, 15, 48, 55, 22, is the inscription on a European stamp.

" 18, 10, 48, 26, 45, 6, 25, is another inscription on a European stamp.

" 1, 2, 3, 18, 29, 33, 20, 41, 54, 39, 19, 26, 4, 23, 6, 48, 18, 49, 20, 36, 26, is a postal publication

" 16, 5, 35, 15, 37, 6, 30, 43, 49, 26, 47, 48, 6, 45, 43, 28, 36, 26, 55, 22, 12, 13, 5, 28, 16, 33, 45, 48 is another.

" 1, 2, 53, 51, 22, 50, 6, 35, 28, 15, 53, 13, 44, 19, 31, 27, 29, 45, 5, 51, 34, 36, 15, 53, 5, 24, 43, 53, 48, 4, 14, 1, 11, 19, 49, 35, 32, 8, is what you will say after reading over this Enigma for the first time.

" 35, 46, 52, 53, 30, 24, 45, 26, 47, 49, 48, 7, is the name of a stamp dealer.

" 9, 36, 16, 15, 6, 18, 5, issued a 6d stamp in 1861.

My whole is a postal publication.

DEMOSTHENES SPRIGGLES.

(Answer next month.)

The answer to enigma in last month's *Gazette* was "The Northumberland and Durham stamp Advertiser of Newcastle on Tyne."

The following received prizes for correct solutions.—E. A. C. St. John. A. C. K. Yarmouth N. S., M. Mc. C. New Haven Conn., and J. A. N. Montreal.

We offer for correct answer to engima in this month's *Gazette* an unused 5c Vancouver's Island stamp, and 3 packets of stamps for the first 4 we receive. Subscribers only permitted to compete.

A PRIZE ENIGMA

C. W. L. of San Francisco has evidently fallen in love with our fair contributor STELLA MCKAY, judging from the tone of his letter to us; which sounds her praises from beginning to end. He sends an *Enigma* which he wishes STELLA, and no one else to solve; if she succeeds in doing so, the following stamps will be her reward:—six California Express Stamps, a British Columbia 3d, unused, and a Sandwich Island 2c, red.—Young swains of New Brunswick to the rescue, if you would win the approving and loving smiles of a young and handsome maiden; tax, and worry your brains to their utmost capacity, and solve this, the most difficult Enigma that has ever appeared in the *Gazette*, and when you have succeeded present the answer to her, and you will, we feel assured, receive in return, thanks most grateful and beautiful to behold. Here we are:—

I consist of 34 letters.

My 15, 12, 19, 18, 9, 6, 26, 13, 9, is represented on different English Stamps.

" 21, 29, 34, 7, 19, 9, 26, 28, 13, 24, 32, 17, a river in California.

" 27, 4, 12, 29, 31, 22, 13, 9, the name of a steamer between New York and Europe.

" 21, 16, 2, 11, 17, 18, 5, 10, 25, 14, is the name of a celebrated General.

" 33, 23, 3, 15, 11, 20, 8, is a city in Austria.

" 30, 5, 19, 6, 5, a river in France.

My whole is the name and address of a well known Stamp dealer.

[Answer in our next.]

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Puueeeettokkizoodvsrrrr, the inscription on a German essay.

2. Reppptttaamlgnsobin a term applied to a series of European stamps.

3. Wloooooagnnereihststsepdh inscription on a newly issued stamp.*

4. Aceeeefnooooooprrrrst a legend on a South American Postage stamp.

BENJAMIN GOGGLES.

(Answers given next month.)

E. A. C. St John, J. A. N. Montreal, S. L. C. Peterboro C. W. received prizes for Transpositions in our last. We will give for the first answer to No. 1. the new North Germany $\frac{1}{4}$ sgr envelope, for No. 2 new local Turkey 5p, for No. 3 the Cuba $\frac{1}{4}$ rl black, for No. 4 Venezuela $\frac{1}{2}$ centavored, all prizes warranted genuine and are unused. Additional prizes for the second correct answers to No. 1, A Bavaria unpaid letter stamp, for No. 2 Brunswick new $\frac{1}{4}$ black, for

No. 3 Turkey 10 p. for No. 4 Clark & Co, Scotch local, all unused.

Subscribers only recognized, in the distribution of prizes. Any one sending 50 cents with answer to Enigmas or Transpositions shall be reckoned as a subscriber. We wish to inform our friends that we shall always be happy to receive Enigmas, Charades &c., but we desire it to be *distinctly understood* that we do not purchase any.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

If any of our Correspondents have a *warranted genuine* 20c Confederate States stamp, they will meet with a sale by stating price and sending stamp to "J" addressed to our care.

J. S. Buffalo, N. Y.—The 2c red and blue New Orleans have been issued only on *white* paper, and the 5c on *blue* and *white*, the former is rare; they have all been counterfeited.

C. C. Providence, R. I.—1. No, we do not purchase Enigmas. When one is sent to us if we deem it worthy of the honor of appearing in the GAZETTE we insert it gratis. 2. Why don't you Subscribe? 3. We are perfectly correct in our supposition.

WILLIAM, London C. W.—The mail for Newfoundland leaves St. John, N. B. on the 6th, and 20th inst. (you had better order by the latter,) and postage is 14 cents each way.

F. B. Boston, Mass.—The La Guaira stamps which you forward for our inspection are forgeries.

H. L. Thorndale C. W.—1. Yes, we will take Canada unused stamps (2 cts) if you cannot procure N. B. Bank notes.—2. Will attend to your request next month.

J. S. care J. S. T. St. John.—You will never become famous as a poet, it is evidently not your "forte" to write verses, try for goodness sake your hand at something that will be more advantageous to you in after life. A *pleasure* bear in mind that when next to the GAZETTE of c^e you send poetical effusions, your name must accompany the "precious document," for we take no notice whatever of articles whether meritorious or otherwise, that are signed *Anonymous*. You must be green to imagine that we would recognise your chi ography, such a splendid hand as you write, when once seen is not soon forgotten, even by the veriest dunce in the universe.

R. S. S.—Another lofty aspirant to poetical honors This one has "poetry on the brain," in its worst stage.—He sends in an epic poem of fifty verses. The opening one is as follows:—

"All hail to the stamp Collectors
Of St. John, and other places,
Who gather different kinds of stamps,
Some figures and some faces."

Our contributor then goes on to inform us of the different designs &c. on the various stamps throughout the world, and after having exhausted himself to so great a degree, that to continue in the same strain much longer was utterly impossible. He concludes part 1. of his very 'able' effort, with the suggestion that in a day or two he will again resume his agreeable task. We here supply verse No. 50.

"Next on the list which comes to view,

I know not, till I find a few

Which will be in a day or two,

I therefore now do bid adieu."

Expressive, very. How sublime, and with what neatness of manner does our friend pen these stirring lines. We have often regretted we were not a poet. Alas!

A. R. San Francisco.—Remittance received. Thanks.

J. B. Moncton N. B.—No, he is not trustworthy, and your chances are very slim of ever obtaining anything, you should be on your guard in future.

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LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER IV.

After the disgust and *ennui* consequent on a voyage across the Atlantic, Guy Sinclair Junr. gazed out at the grey smoky-looking city of Liverpool with a langour belonging to that period of a life—the termination of a sea voyage—and no other—a langour which made his comfortable apartments at a fashionable hotel almost as unendurable as the state-room he had so gladly quitted. There was a slight physical insufficiency about this young scholar that amounted to very little of itself; but which had been fostered into a positive evil. The black shadow that had loomed up in Mr. Sinclair's life-path had obscured with its pitchy gloom the poor motherless babe, that had now a double claim on his heart. He had shrunk with painful reserve from every thing human and the helpless infant, that might have softened the grief and opened a new future to the stricken man, was left only to receive the sympathy of hirelings. Thus man in his blind groping, too often missing the treasures within reach, clutches the baser elements of existence. As time moved on and the shadow grew into a fixture, Guy Sinclair learned to look at it as most of us do, when there is no compromise to be made with fate. So the gulf widened and the boy was an orphan indeed. In a pecuniary view there was no lack, but the little one's joys were never shared by another, and they soon ceased to become joys. Staid respectable women who had outlived the freshness and buoyancy of life attended to his wants with scrupulous exactness. The child naturally shy, instinctively felt, as his mental powers developed, this injudicious treatment, without understanding its cause, grew more reticent and inactive, and turned to his imagination for the attractions children generally find in their daily amusements. While few boyish games gave strength to his muscular organs there was plenty of food for the

nervous system; this was where the insufficiency lay—his muscular and nervous powers were unequally ballanced. It is scarcely surprising, then, that he should wonder wearily what there was in life worth clinging to so tenaciously.

After a poor attempt at dining and when Mr. Frost had donned his spectacles and was lost among the leaves of a heavy volume, Guy opened a portable desk, with the intention of notifying his safe arrival in England to Guy Sinclair across the waves. His eye was caught by the hand writing of Ellis Blair on the large envelope containing the promised directions for a tinbrophilic collection. It was unopened but now he seized it eagerly, for the very sight of his friends' steady chirography brought his cheerful face and earnest eyes before him with a rush of emotions that was quite new to his sluggish, ingrafted nature.

"Begin with your native land, Gay," he wrote, "to help and stimulate you I enclose all the unused American stamps I can lay my hands on at so short a notice. These you observe, are the legitimate Post-office impressions, but there are numberless local stamps, that you can easily obtain from American dealers. Below you will find the name and address of several; also some dealers in New Brunswick to whom you can write for British Provincials. Write your wants in as few words as possible; they will understand you if you send the money—by looking over the price-list, I also enclose, you will be able to determine their value,—always making allowance, of course, for the difference in American and Provincial currency. The correspondence in the stamp trade is peculiar, I own, but in vulgar parlance, you will soon get the hang of it. You may think it less trouble to get these postals from European dealers, who advertize them, but I would advise you to go to the 'fountain head'. The fact is, I very much doubt if they are all of them attainable. Now I know the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia shilling to be exceedingly rare, and the Connell even more so still, indeed it is next to a miracle to get one of the latter at all in the province where they originated. How is it then that foreign

dealers can sell them for less than their price on their own territory? If they *do* have them they must be reprints, *fac-similes* or something of that kind; and no stamp connoisseur cares to have a doubt thrown upon the individuality of his treasure. You understand me Guy, every stamp has its own separate character, as it were, and when doubt of its genuineness arises, it is like some old history—Rollin for example—which we read with a relish, but even the boy just emerging from Mother Hubbard, can't quite swallow it all.

After some further observations he concluded with a personal warning. "You will wonder, my dear fellow why I urge so trivial an amusement on you; you will perhaps doubt the soundness of my advice; but there is one thing you will not question, and that is my friendship, you will believe that when I take up the office of Mentor it is because, wishing you well, I think it necessary. Therefore I urge a change in your life—mark me, Guy, this is the turning point in your history, throw away for a time at least, your lexicons and substitute a stamp album—leave abstruse problems to those whose business it is to use them, and read Harper, and Chambers if you will, don't let Mr. Frost interfere with you; he is a good man but he is a moral bat. I respect his sincerity—but discard his dim views of men's social obligations—I distrust the old routine that requires a physical giant to master it. It makes one think of the unfortunate horse doomed to work one of those old fashioned bark mills. But you are no giant, Guy; your constitution could never have been more than passable, and it has been worn down by study and want of exercise, till it will take an effort nearly equal to the one Mrs. Chicks describes, to clear you of the pulmonary evil which so many young Americans founder. As for the stamp album, you promised you know, and I'm not afraid you will forget to keep your word—neither do I doubt but what you will find an interest in what you have undertaken out of friendship for— Ellis Blair."

Guy, was deeply affected with the earnestness of this appeal—a film seemed to have been resting over his life, and was now breaking away, leaving him more aimless and desolate than before. He felt like a man lost on a desert with no reprieve from the burning sky nor the burning sand, with no shadow of an oasis in view. He glanced at the guide and his companion of his youth, still buried among the folios of a past age; still dreaming over improbable fictions, and the desert grew hotter—the heat more intense. He wondered feebly who was Mrs. Chicks and what the effort he advised was about. He had never read Dicken's, for Mr. Frost would have considered an hour spent in that great man's company, as so much lost time. The words, "mark me Guy, this is the turning point in your history," seemed to take form and glared at him from out every pattern on the wall paper—peeped from behind vases and

chimney ornaments, and over the tops of pictures and mirrors. Ellis Blair had not even imagined how near was the crisis in his young friend's life, when he penned that earnest warning—nor could Guy for one moment understand what it had cost his self-constituted mentor to send it. True his mental sight was widely distended, but it takes something more than even mental vision to unlock a strong man's heart. Those who knew this young barrister best, and esteemed him most wondered at the lustrous light on his face at this time—a light that might have hovered round the head of a martyr on his way to the stake, but Guy could know nothing of it. But his singular urgency affected him strangely, it may be dangerously, for after the enervating effects of seasickness, he was ill able to bear excitement of any kind, still less excitement of such a morbid character.

As his father had done years ago, so Guy groped blindly for he knew not what—unlike the former he found a talisman that helped to dispel the blackness that was settling around him. It was a trifle—nothing but a postage stamp—it was the Connell he had found in Broadway—and it lay carelessly in the bottom of his desk. You may smile incredulous reader, but if I should tell you half I mean about the potency of trifles you would look at them reverently as Guy did when he lifted his stamp. It was as a devotee handles his most valued relic, and he felt it to be

"A talisman of hope and memory."

at this moment, for the fresh young face and lithe, graceful figure of the girl he had seen but for a moment came to him like the first faint breath from the far off oasis, with its cool, shady fountain. His oppressed breathing grew regular—his wild imaginations vanished. There was no longer a weird meaning attached to the warning of Ellis Blair, the patterns on the wall looked dull and expressionless, and he ceased to inquire about Mrs. Chicks and her effort, for the effort was made unconsciously. "She must be a collector, he thought, I will be one too; for your sake Ellis, because I promised, but also, because it is a link that may one day draw me like a magnetized needle towards her."

The young man's unsophisticated habits had not led him to inquire how much of the oppressiveness of his voyage was attributable to the sudden passion he had conceived for the fair owner of the "Lost," stamp. He registered a resolve in the most secret corner of his heart—glancing as he did so at the unconscious tutor: it was the glance of a gladiator and not that of a dutiful pupil. But Mr. Frost though essentially wrong, had discharged his trust with faithful punctiliousness: his simple instincts did not warn him against over-burdening the growing intellect; he was proud of his pupil—proud of the progress he had made, and he loved him in his own undemonstrative fashion. Guy, partly comprehending the pressure of old habits, felt the emergency of his case, and called in an unne-

cessary antagonistic to aid him in his struggle for freedom.

Guy Sinclair postponed his paternal epistle—wrote another in instead, containing an order, and before another day had passed he was turning with gentle hands, but wearing a perplexed face, the leaves of a beautifully bound edition of a—Stamp Album.

(*To be Continued.*)

The collecting of Postage Stamps is a fashion not confined to this country, or to a single class; for collections are frequently to be seen in the drawing-room of the luxurious, the study of the enlightened, and the locker of the school-boy.

The fashion has been ridiculed, as all fashions will be; but if postage stamps are properly studied, collected and arranged, there is no reason why they may not be quite as instructive and entertaining as the collection of birds, butterflies, shells, books, engravings coins, or other objects.

The use and charm of collecting any kind of object is to educate the mind and the eye to careful observation, accurate comparison, and just reasonings on the differences and likenesses which they present; and to interest the collector in the design or art shown in their creation or manufacture, and the history of the country which produces or uses the objects collected. The postage stamps afford good objects for all these branches of study, as they are sufficiently different to present broad outlines for their classification, and yet some of the variations are so slight that they require minute examination and comparison to prevent them from being overlooked. The fact of obtaining stamps from so many countries suggests the inquiry, what were the circumstances that induced their adoption, the history of the countries which issue them, and the understanding why some countries have considered it necessary, in so few years as have passed since they first came into use, to make so many changes in the form or design of the stamp used, while other countries, like Holland, have never made the slightest change.

The changes referred to all mark some historical event of importance; such as the accession of a new king, a change in the form of government, or the absorption of a smaller state into some larger one, a change in the currency, or some other revolution. Hence, a collection of postage stamps may be considered, like a collection of coins, an epitome of the history of Europe and America for the last quarter of a century; and as they exhibit much variation in design and in execution, they may also be regarded as a collection of works of art on a small scale, showing the style of art of the countries that issue them; while the size of the collection, and the manner in which they are arranged and kept, will show the industry, judgment, neatness, and taste of the collector, who should always bear in mind that every accessory that is showy and

bright takes away from the appearance and interest of the stamps themselves.

The full use of the stamps in teaching geography and history can only be obtained when they are arranged in systematic and chronological order. This has unfortunately not been seen by many compilers of catalogues and collectors, who place their stamps of the different countries alphabetically, thus separating the stamps of neighbouring countries, of the same royal house, the same language, or kind of money, into different parts of their collection. Many of these compilers and collectors have not been consistent with themselves, and arranged their collections partly geographically and partly alphabetically; this is even less instructive, and more difficult to consult, as it is not easy to recollect how the stamps follow each other.—*From Dr. Gray's catalogue of Postage Stamps.*

St. John, N. B. June 22nd, 1866.

To the Editor of the S. C. M. Gazette.

SIR. With your kind permission, I should like to make a few observations, through the medium of your valuable journal, upon a subject which may not prove altogether uninteresting to the readers of the "*Gazette*." I purpose,—in view of the great and important national and political changes seemingly about to be effected, on this continent and in Europe—to consider the effect which these said changes will probably have upon the interests of the stamp-collecting community.

In the first place, as regards the approaching union of the B. N. A. provinces, this will, of course not only necessitate a central government but a general Post Office and a common and uniform series of postage stamps. Those now in use will be no longer issued, but will in future be classed amongst the obsolete stamps, and will also become both rare and more costly. I would therefore strongly advise all who intend to complete their assortment of our provincial stamps to fill up their sets as quickly as possible. At a later period they will cost much more than they do at present—while some varieties may be very difficult to procure at any price. This is the case, even now, with some of the old issues of New Brunswick and the neighbouring provinces.

Looking southward to the republic or empire of Mexico, (which ever it is,) we see a couple of governments, and three or four would-be rulers, fighting and scheming to obtain control of that unhappy country. Should the Franco-Austrian party succeed in placing Maximilian upon the throne, a new issue of stamps may be expected.

A war of great magnitude appears to be inevitable on the continent of Europe, it is hard to say what changes it may effect, one thing is pretty certain, however, *viz.*, that the Ottoman Empire will suffer a pretty considerable cutting up. Turkey in Europe will probably share the fate of poor Poland; Turkey in Asia cannot

long exist alone, and then the stamps of the defunct empire will become both scarce and valuable.

In Australia a movement has been set on foot to unite the several colonies under one government, should this be done the same effects will be produced as in the case of the B. N. A. provinces, as far as stamps are concerned. I would advise the readers of the "Gazette" to complete their sets of the above mentioned stamps, as well as all others which are likely to become rare and costly. By attending to this at once a collection might be made, by almost any one, which would be worth, in a year or two, three or four times the original cost.

Hoping that these few remarks and suggestions may be worth, at least, the space which they occupy in your columns.

I remain yours &c.

COLLECTOR.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JULY, 1866.

Not the least interesting feature in the juvenile life of the last ten or fifteen years has been its many manifestations of curiosity gathering. Each in its turn has been followed with ardour, as each youth was emulous to outstrip his fellows in the number, variety, or rarity of his specimens of what happened to be the freak of the time. While the fever lasted it was the absorbing subject of thought in solitude, and conversation in company. It is only a very few years since the collecting of rare stones was in vogue; and many a weary mile have we known enthusiastic classmates travel in search of something worthy of being added to what they were pleased to term their "Cabinet." Under proper guidance this spirited scouring of the country for its "stone records" might have been brought to the aid of science; but unfortunately the teachers of those days were like too many of the present time, either lacked the capacity, the discernment, or the knowledge requisite for this. Without a guide or instructor to show them how to read and learn the story which every little shell and pebble had to tell, their zeal gradually cooled and ultimately expired. But healthy youth cannot remain inactive. He will labour for the pleasure of excitement alone, if for nothing else. The "rock period" was followed by "Coin collecting." Here was a new field for enterprize, and every old box till, and trunk was rumaged by the young numismatological for rare and obsolete coins. This amusement, in theatre parlance, had a "long run," but latterly to the great grief of many antique Aunts was laid aside for—what, reader, do you think? For nothing less than *Bean gathering!* Then it was that every field and farm and greenhouse and garden were ransacked for new varieties of beans. We

have seen a kind hearted seedman surrounded with an importunate band of urchins begging for beans as if each was a precious stone. Many who did not "know beans" before, were now made thoroughly acquainted with all their peculiarities, and many bean gardens were to be seen in many strange places. This, too, faded, and then came the collecting of crests and seals. If the real could not be had, a wax impression could; but as this required time and tact and talent for successful manipulation, it was soon given up for something that could be more easily followed. And then we had an illustration of "extremes" meeting, even in juvenile fancy. Crests were laid aside for *Cards*. How any sensible youth could ever devote time to the nonsensical practice of "card collecting" we could never understand, but yet it was the case, however absurd it may now appear.

Such collections might be of use to an aspiring "printers, devil" but to no one else. This subject however was soon exhausted, and then came *Stamp Collecting*. This latter differs from all the others. It is more congenial to the youthful mind—is more instructive and more likely to remain in vogue than any of its predecessors. When a boy gets a new stamp he is of course desirous to know all about it. Is it from Italy or France, Honolulu or China, Japan or India, he turns to his geography and learns the history, the trade, the commerce and degree or civilization of the place from whence this last stranger has come. Thus is it that stamp collecting ministers not only to the innate curiosity of youth but is an important aid in teaching him general geographical knowledge. It is therefore we think most likely to endure, and should be encouraged by parents and teachers.

That comical sheet the Rochester N. H. *Intelligencer* for July has just reached our office. Terms only 20 cents a year in advance, address Edwin Fernald, Rochester, N. H., for further particulars.

An attentive perusal of our advertising pages is requested. Anything may now be procured, from a bird's egg to a Meelenburg $\frac{1}{4}$ sch.

A mutilated letter mailed at Fort Erie, Canada, and addressed to a person at New Glasgow Pictou County, was received at the Halifax Post Office. Upon the cover was written "this letter was damaged in this office by a bullet from a Fenian musket."

Henry A. Stoneall, who was recently indicted before the United States District Court of New Jersey, on a charge of opening two letters while agent on the Postal car between New York and Washington, was released from trial at the present session of the court. His pardon was issued before conviction, and even before the case had come to trial.

Newly Issued Stamps.

BELGIUM.—The 1 centime stamp of Belgium which we here engrave, was issued June 1st. It is perforated and grey in colour. The name of the country, it will be noticed, is still omitted.



BRAZIL and PERU.—A correspondent says: "I have only time to write that for certain the new stamps so long talked about for Brazil are about ready, for issue, and made by the American Bank Note Co., also new stamps for Peru. Stamps of Brazil, head in centre, colours, green black and purple.

Peru, arms in centre, colour green."

HONOLULU.—A new postal just out, head of king in centre of an oval, figure 5 in upper corners. **HAWAII** at top **ELIMA KENETA** in smaller letters at bottom, perforated, colour, dark blue. We notice his Majesty's hair is parted in the middle.

FRANCE.—Various new designs of envelopes have been offered to the French government, a description of one we here add. An elongated oval, at the top of which is a crown; directly underneath, is an eagle within a shield. In the centre of the stamp the head of Napoleon III crowned with laurels, to the left is visible. At the bottom is a plate with **O O C**; at this place the value is to be inserted. **EMPIRE FRANCAIS** at left oval border an **TIMBRE POST** at right side, colour green.

VICTORIA.—A correspondent informs a contemporary that the 10d for this Island has been changed from green to brownish red.

MOLDO WALLACHIA.—The new Moldo Wallachia are of the same colours and values as the former issue, 2 para yellow, 5p. blue and 20p. red. A representation of the 5p. we here subjoin.



DRESDEN.—This month the Express company here intend issuing 5 more new stamps.

NEW ZEALAND.—4d rose is now yellow.

BREMEN—5 sgr is now a brilliant yellowish green.

SPAIN.—2c. is now bright rose, 4c. bright blue and 12c. yellow

ITALY. The new 20c. will be issued to day—40c, is now violet rose.

PORTUGAL. The new series will comprise 5, 10, 80, and 120 reis.

DENMARK.—A mammoth Railway packet label

has appeared. Large rectangular, in centre is an oval with 10 pound, round which in a border is **DE S JÆLLAND SKE JERU, BAUER.**, crown at the top (resembling five castles) 12 skilling below, 10 in four corners. Brown on white, perforated.

Another value 8 skillings to carry 5 lb blue is out.

ST. DOMINGO.—A new stamp, in the centre a shield containing arms, over which at top is *correo*, value in words below, "*Dios patria Libertad*" directly under inscription—value 1 real, colour green.

FINLAND.—The red and green stamp, noticed last issue; of this country is issued by a company; the letter boxes are visited five times daily and on Sunday once, the inscription "**STADS POST**" is in Swedish and "**KAUPUNGIN POST**" in Finnish, the value is also denoted in both languages.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—1 shilling is light green now.

Postal Chit-Chat.

Money Orders drawn at the Post Office St. John, in June \$2209.81, being an increase of 1331.32 over the amount drawn in June 1865. Money Orders paid \$1501.01, an increase of \$2231.16 over the same month last year.

The London *Owl* states that it is probable that measures will shortly be taken to place all the electric telegraph lines in Great Britain in the hands of the Post Office, with a view to the establishment of a low and uniform rate of charge for telegraph despatches.

The penny postage system in England has increased the making of steel pens. In 24 years 120 tons of steel made into 200,000,000 pens was thought to be enormous. Now there are a number of houses which make 20,000,000, 30,000,000 and even 50,000,000 pens a year, at such cheap rates that a gross may be bought for fourpence.

The Postage on drop letters in Montreal Canada, is but one cent while here it is two cents.

Post Office Boxes are now placed in different parts of the city of Montreal C. E., which are visited four times a day, and their contents transferred to the General Post Office. The hours of clearing them out are, 10.30 A. M., 1.30 P. M., 6. P. M., and 9. P. M. On Sunday once; at 9 P. M.

From the Canadian P. M. G's report for 1865 we learn that the number of miles of annual mail travel is 6,350,000. Number of letters by Post per annum, 12,000,000. Postal Revenue \$834,000, total expenditure, \$857,000. This included Railway mail services, as well as ocean mail service. The Mails are now carried regularly on 1,931 miles of railway route.

The postal revenue of the year has been as follows;—Net revenue collected, \$834,1096.

73. The chief sources of revenue were on letters prepaid by stamp, \$383,000; do, do. in money, or sent unpaid, \$355,000; on Canadian newspapers, including newspaper stamps, \$70,000; on U. S. newspapers delivered in Canada, \$2,000; miscellaneous letter boxes, box rent, &c., \$6,000; total \$834,000.

The postage on letters passing between Canada and the United States was for this year \$323,277.63. Of this amount, fifty-eight and three quarters per cent was collected in the United States, and forty-one and a quarter per cent in Canada. This correspondence has more than doubled in amount during the last ten years, the aggregate collection in 1855 having only been \$145,377 as compared with \$323,276 in 1865. There 5000 persons employed in the Post Office Department.

The New York Evening Post in speaking of the amount of business done at the Post Office in that city says:—

"Persons who have given this subject much attention assert with confidence their reasons for believing that in less than a century from this time, the city of New York representing America, and being in the shortest path of travel and commerce between Europe and Asia, will be the postal centre of the world."

All who have ever visited New York will remember having seen attached to almost every lamp post an iron box with an aperture at the top for the reception of letters. Many will no doubt be very much surprised when we tell them how much business is done at these places alone. Letters collected from lamp post boxes in 1863, 1,550,303, in 1865, 2,671,043, newspapers in 1863, 182,727, 1865 408,484. Total collection by carriers in 1863, 1,734,030, in 1865, 3,079,527. Letters delivered from lamp post boxes in 1863, 1,999,913, in 1865, 3,379,798, newspapers &c., (1863) 124,587 (1865) 299,307. Total deliveries by carriers (1863) 2, 124,500 (1865) 3,679,105. Box department; Letters delivered in the quarter ending Dec., 31st, 1862 3,225,509, (1865) 5,275,640.

It should be observed that the vast number of letters &c., sent directly to the Post Office, is not included in these statements.

A magnificent new Post Office is about to be erected in New York.

"Now Girls," said Mrs. Partington, the other day, to her neices, "You must get husbands as soon as possible, or they will be murdered."

"Why so, Aunt?"

"Why, I see by the papers that we've got almost fifteen thousand post offices, and nearly all of 'em dispatches a mail every day. The Lord have mercy on us poor widows!" and the old lady stepped quietly to her looking-glass, to put on her new cap.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"HOW TO DETECT FORGED STAMPS,"

BY THOMAS DALTON, ESQ.

MODENA.

Inscription: Poste Estense, eagle under crown, 5 c. green, 9 c. b. g. violet, 10 c. rose, 10 c. brown, 15 c. yellow 15 c. violet, 25 c. primrose, 40 c. blue, 1 lira white.

GENUINE.

The claws of the eagle are both alike, and have only three toes.

The letters of cent are short and thick.

The ornaments at the right and left hand borders curl round at the ends.

Printed on unglazed paper.

FORGED.

The claws are represented by four short thick strokes pointing downwards.

The letters of cent are long and thin.

The ornaments do not curl round at the ends.

Printed on glazed paper.

The above are poor imitations and I could name many more differences, but those mentioned will suffice. The above stamps are also forged a second time, and appear to be better executed, so that I append description.

GENUINE.

The crown does not touch the head of the eagle.

The tail of eagle does not touch the legs.

The eagle is properly shaped, and the feathers are neatly imitated.

FORGED.

The crown touches the head of eagle.

The tail touches the legs.

The eagle is badly shaped, especially about the neck, which is too thick, and the feathers are blotchy.

MEXICO.

1857.—2 reals green on white paper.

GENUINE.

The name of the issuing State is printed in black on the right side of the stamp.

The background is composed of lines close together.

The ornaments at sides are neatly done.

Same issue.— $\frac{1}{2}$ real blue, 1 rl. yellow, 2 rs. green 4 rs. red, 8 rs. violet.

1861 issue.—Black impression on coloured paper, $\frac{1}{2}$ rl., 1 rl., 2 rs., 4 rs. red on yellow, 8 rs. green on brown, and several more of the same design, but fictitious colours. In all 20 varieties.

The colouring of the above imitations is extremely poor and thin, and the lettering very indistinct and irregular. The top inscription is *Medico* instead of *Mexico*. They are in fact, so poorly executed that it is utterly impossible for them to victimize collectors.

FORGED.

No name is printed at all on the side of the stamp.

The background is solid.

The ornaments at sides are badly done.

CORRIENTES.

I hear of the Corrientes stamp being forged, but I have not yet had an opportunity of seeing a copy. I understand, however, that the imitations are much better executed than the genuine, and that there is a great dissimilarity in the paper. I merely mention this to put collectors on their guard against this *fac-simile*, but if they should see two copies of this stamp unlike each other, they need not conclude that one of them is forged or *vice versa*, as the genuine stamps are printed in plates of eight, and all of them are slightly different in design.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 68 letters.

My 52, 22, 63, 45, 56, 65, 10, 18, 68, 42, 24, 61, 29, 13, 16, 57, 49, was the name of a stamp periodical.

" 1, 2, 3, 36, 50, 9, 65, 62, 55, 59, 5, 12, 28, 8, 43, 23, 53, 65, 41, is the name of a postal publication.

" 58, 14, 40, 4, 32, 55, 37, 9, 65, 48, 36, 7, 22, 44, 58, 31, 15, 47, 55, 60, 65, 9, 30, 34, 10, is another.

" 33, 20, 42, 48, 61, 59, 38, 58, 43, 4, 62, 67, 14, 28, 5, 21, 41, 24, 66, 9, 60, 23, 16, 15, 19, 58, 45, 53, 31, 32, 16, can always be found in the *Gazette*.

" 55, 22, 46, 39, 28, form a very useful collection.

" 11, 48, 33, 27, 47, 40, 54, 35, 16, 24, 66, 9, 28, are now collected by many.

" 6, 5, 49, 7, 17, 26, 57, 23, 4, 40, 67, 10, has issued many stamps.

" 43, 27, 64, 61, 66, 42, 25, 54, 26, 58, 22, 51, 16, 29, 53, 52, 32, 47, have always been found in the *Gazette*.

My whole is a stamp publication now defunct.

SQUIRE JINKS.

(Answer next month.)

Answer to enigma in last month's *Gazette*—*The Saint John Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette of New Brunswick*.

The following received prizes for correct answers.—D. C. D., E. A. C., and Stella Mackay, St. John, and R. L. L. Providence R. Island.

We offer for correct solution to this month's enigma, (*by subscribers only*.) 1st prize, 80 lepta Greece; 2nd 1 Centime French Colonies, and 2kr. Austria; 3d 10 centimes, France; 4th, 5 reis, Portugal. All unused and warranted genuine.

PRIZE ENIGMA, No. 2.

STELLA MACKAY having succeeded in solving C. W. L.'s "hard" enigma, sends in the following, which speaks for itself. She thinks she can solve any enigma that EDIPUS can make—will he try it? Our columns are open to him for the trial.

Respectfully dedicated by the Authoress to C. W. L. of San Francisco and EDIPUS of Boston.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 97 letters.

My 13, 94, 59, 23, 87, 77, 48, 64, is a New Brunswick river.

" 4, 76, 20, 8, 93, 20, 72, 97, 58, 65, is a New Brunswick River

" 3, 86, 20, 10, 38, 84, 90, 43, 68, 82, 27, 11, 25, 92, 57, 61, 33, is a New Brunswick village.

" 79, 29, 54, 78, 91, 20, 22, 12, 23, 81, 16, is a New Brunswick river.

" 5, 83, 49, 10, 19, 6, 1, 60, 67, 96, 85, 47, 74, is a New Brunswick Stamp Dealer.

" 75, 9, 11, 89, 46, 88, 69, 64, 95, 62, 31, 18, 78, 52, 80, is an English Stamp Dealer.

" 65, 35, 26, 58, 8, 93, 77, 50, 92, 24, 40, 39, is what C. W. L. and Edipus will be after they have puzzled over this enigma three weeks.

" 4, 52, 2, 28, 25, 15, 44, 34, 59, 48, 93, 17, is the title of an English nobleman.

" 97, 21, 8, 37, 47, 51, 63, 18, 54, 78, 74, 35, 20, is pictured on a Postage Stamp.

" 56, 41, 96, 62, 35, 45, 68, 92, 23, 59, 42, 72, 68, 49, is also figured on a postage stamp.

" 36, 91, 73, 66, 50, 77, 78, 70, 22, 71, 15, is the name of a battlefield.

" 32, 6, 53, 94, 87, 34, is a river in Great Britain.

My whole is the name and residence of a person who is said to have a fine collection of postage stamps.

STELLA MACKAY.

The answer to C. W. L.'s Enigma, is "J.B. Moens Galerie Bortier, seven Brussels.

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

1. Bmaaucergi, in use among Stamp Collectors.

2. Neaaasstg, inscription on a newspaper stamp.

3. Willllleeusaaidnndmfobiu, the pride of the Stamp Collector.

4. Ioeerrrrtnmu, common expression among Stamp Dealers.

(Answer next issue.)

Answers to Transpositions in our last. 1. *Ku post couvert drei kreuzer*. 2. *Blotting stamp paper*.

3. *Shanghai L. P. O. two candareens*. 4. *correo porte franco*.

The 3rd and 4th, only were answered correctly, the others proving too difficult for our readers. D. C. Dawson, St. John, got the prize for No. 4, and S. L., Brooklyn, N. Y. for No. 3. We announce the following rewards for the first four this month: No. 1, a new Belgium; no. 2 a Turkish 5; no. 3, a New Grenada 1 cent rose; No. 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. La Guaria.—Second; No. 1, 3 ore Sweden; No. 2, Hanover 1 g envelope; no. 3 Meclenburg $\frac{1}{2}$, vermilion; No. 4, Brunswick $\frac{1}{2}$, black, new. No answers will be received after the 26th inst.

THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

Persons desirous of becoming agents for this paper are requested to communicate with the publisher. Terms liberal.

All Postal Publications, Magazines, Catalogues, &c., intended for review, should reach the office of this paper on or before the 25th of each month.

ADVERTISERS are requested to send in their favors not later than the 25th of the month, or as soon before that time as possible. ADVERTISEMENTS to secure attention must invariably be accompanied with the cash.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

William, London C. W.—The one grote Bremen orange is a bill stamp. 2. The word "Zacatecas" printed on your Mexican stamp is the name of the state issuing it. 3. The value of the (Austrian Mercury) 1857 yellow, was 10 kr. and the blue 1 kr.

G. P. P., Bridgetown, N.S.—The $\frac{1}{2}$ ngr. orange Saxon envelope was noticed among the newly issued stamps, in No. 4. of Vol. 1.

F. R. M., Newcastle, Miramichi.—We have always found equal parts of Gum Tragacanth and Gum Arabic the best thing for mounting stamps neatly in Albums.

G. S. P., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—We certainly prefer Oppen's Albums to any now in the market: but Mr. M. Bennett Jr., of Hartford, Conn., intends issuing a third edition of his album shortly which promises to be a grand affair.

G. E., Detroit, Mich.—The stamps ordered have been sent to your address.

W. P., Burlington Vt.—We have repeatedly stated that we do not purchase Enigmas, but will be happy to receive any.

Germania, N. Y.—You have our kindest thanks for the interest you take in the Gazette, and for your suggestion which we regret to say cannot this issue be acted upon.

J. A. S., Concord N. H.—An answer to our letter of the 26th, April last is requested.

F. M. S. Newbury Vt.—See preceding answer (March 19.)
H. L., Canada.—Your order will presently be attended to.

W. F. M., Yarmouth, N. S.—Your subscriptions commences with the June number.

C. H. K., Hamilton C. W.—We can supply back numbers of the Gazette containing the story of "Lost" but to a limited extent only: you will therefore see the necessity of applying early.

G. F. T., New Bedford.—Your answers came too late.

*** Several letters stand over to be answered next month.

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9kr, pink; Bahamas, 1d, carmine; Barbadoes, red, blue, green; Bergedorf, 1, 3, 4 schillings; Belgium, 1849, 10 and 20c; Brazil, 10, 30, 60; British Columbia, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, pink; British Guiana, 2 and 4c; Brunswick, $\frac{1}{2}$, brown; Buenos Ayres, 1 peso, blue; Cape of Good Hope, 1d and 4d; Ceylon, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, 6d, 1s; Finland, 10 kop; French Republic, (assorted); Great Britain, 1d, black; Greece, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, 80 lept; Hamburg, 2, 5, 7, 9 schillings; Hong Kong, 2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 86c; Jamaica, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s; Luxemburg, 1, 2, 4, 10, $37\frac{1}{2}$, 40c; Mauritius, 1d, 2d; Mecklenburg, $\frac{1}{2}$ schilling; Modena, 5, 15, 25c; New South Wales, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s; Norway, 3 and 6 schilling; New Zealand, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1s; Nova Scotia, 1d, 3d, 6d, 1s; New Brunswick, 3d, 6d, 1s; Oldenburg, 1gr, blue, $\frac{1}{2}$, green; Parma, 15c; Portugal, 5 and 50 reis; Russia, Prussia, (assorted); Queensland, 1d, 2d, 3d, 1s; Russia, (assorted); Roman States, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, baj; St. Helena, 1d; Sweden; St. Thomas; Tasmania; St. Vincent, 6d; Saxony, (assorted); Spain; Switzerland; Tuscany; Trinidad.

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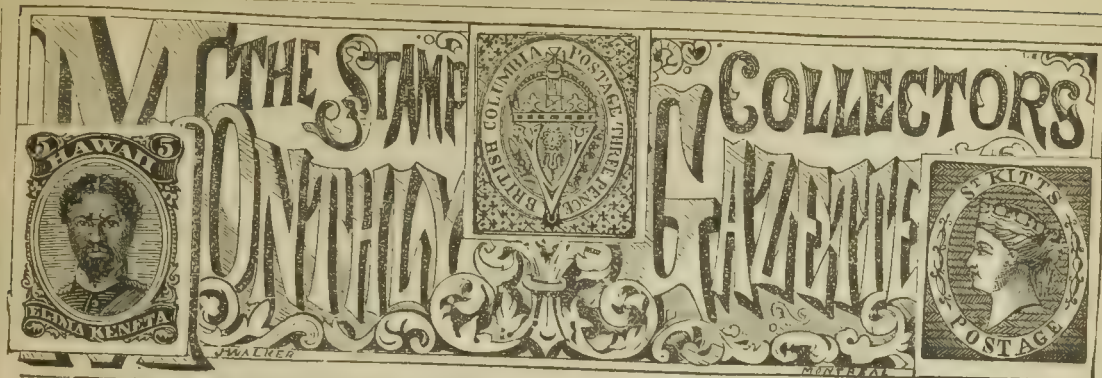
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CHAPTER V.

Although Guy Sinclair understood the genealogy of the entire fraternity found among mythological folks, from Jupiter down to the meanest servitor, it does not follow that he should comprehend at a glance the different specimens of Stamps, their family and rank. By no means; he looked over his album, and the Stamps, he had purchased with it in hopeless perplexity. Many a young urchin who blundering among the declensions in his Latin Grammar, but who finds time to barter his used Colonials for a foreign postal, with some juvenile trader whose stock consists of a few well-thumbed Continentals gummed to a bit of crumpled paper, and deposited among the "odds and ends" of a school boys pocket, could have taught our erudite traveller a few lessons. No one need despise a small beginning—indeed the work is not suggestive of an advanced stage, be the subject material or mental. I received my first ideas of Stamp Collecting from one of these boys; it was at the commencement of the stamp-mania in this city of Saint John. There were no dealers in the Timbrophilic business here then, and there was quite a dash of adventure in the young fellow's search after foreign Stamps. Sea captains' wives and widows were particular objects of interest to him at that time: and he once obtained a Sierre Leone from one of the latter class in quite a diplomatic manner, which amused me, exceedingly. I used to tell him "that I knew by his step in the hall, when he had procured a new Stamp," and after a time my ear got so well disciplined that I was inclined to hazard an opinion as to it's country and value. But Guy had none of these eager auxiliaries at his elbow, and so was obliged to follow Ellis Blair's advice, and after some searching found out the proper squares for the common three cent United States Stamp. He found it much easier to at-

tach the next one to its place, and, in a short time, that department of his album was completed, so far as his labels would permit. He looked wistfully at the unoccupied squares, and being exact and methodical, could hardly persuade himself to commence on another page, under a new heading until he had finished the ones already commenced. He decided at length to adhere to the Connell, which he did very slightly, for he argued mentally, "I shall surely find its fair owner some time, and then it will be easy to remove it." That "some time" was the Mecca Guy was travelling to. Who dare censure him, for has not every heart a Mecca of its own?

At this moment Mr. Frost extricated himself from the walls of Troy, or wherever he was lost, and began to regard Guy's abstracted occupation with feeble wonder. He removed his spectacles, wiped them carefully, and then took another view. If he had suddenly found himself assisting that young rake, Paris, in abducting the beautiful spouse of Menelaus he could not have been more amazed. It was some time before he could rouse himself sufficiently, to see what Guy was really doing. His pupil sticking bits of coloured paper into a gaudily bound book! No wonder the old gentleman stared! But he might as well be back in Troy again for all he understood it. It is a fortunate thing that somebody or other found out the use of the tongue, or who knows what the consequences might have been to the ex-profession. But Guy had not got so far on his pilgrimage as to be unconscious of resisting influences, and notwithstanding an involuntary trepidation, was silently enjoying the old tutor's perplexity. As soon as he saw that his fellow-traveller and mentor was about to break the silence, he turned suddenly, and said—

"You never told me, Mr. Frost the result of your mission to that — young — lady — Miss Percy."

It is enough to make one think that the heart is a distinct part of the human frame, and quite independent of it, to hear how people will inadvertently utter words that can flush or blanch the face to its utmost extremity. Did they but understand what they were saying. To see them

go steadily on—sometimes, heedlessly on,—at others, accomplishing what they would give half a life-time to undo! Yes; one may well imagine that the functions of the heart are purely physical, though people call it the seat of the affections. Oh, that it could warn us, just as conscience does when there is a verging from right to wrong!

Guy uttered Miss Percy's name in a careless half indignant accent, and his heart did not tell him that it was the name of all others that he wished to learn—that the mission to which he alluded was a matter involving his joy or sorrow.

The suddenness of the question surprised Mr. Frost out of his intended interrogations concerning young Guy's employment, and he answered him evasively.

"Did I not? Well I don't know that you asked me about it."

"I did not, certainly," replied Guy, "but as I am the contemplated Isaac, it is only just that I should glean what I can concerning my future companion; therefore you will be kind enough to tell me, sir, what kind of a person the lady is."

"Really Mr. Guy" said the tutor with something like a tone of pity, running through his usually dry, precise manner, "I am one of the worst people in the world to answer such a question, and I never could see what induced Mr. Sinclair to select me from among so many, any one of whom would have answered better. We will waive the subject, as I am very anxious to understand the nature of the volume before you."

Guy closed his album resolutely: he saw at once that his tutor wished to conceal what had taken place in his interview with Miss Percy.

"No, sir," he answered in a determined but respectful manner, not now; at any other time I shall be happy to explain it—a very unique, and interesting subject it is too; though I understand it very imperfectly, yet I shall be glad of a little help from you, also, as you must necessarily possess information that will be able to mould what is now, to me, chaos into the form and order that belongs to it. You said 'Miss Percy' when you delivered my father's message, didn't you, sir?"

"Oh, yes; certainly—to be sure" replied Mr. Frost with unnecessary and very suspicious alacrity, the young woman was kind enough to invite me into her private room—her *boudoir* I think she called it.—and indeed her language was mostly in French, which you know I don't understand. I can just tell that it is French, and that is all."

"In that case" insinuated Guy with a quiet humor that he could not quite repress, "we shall have to take lessons in that language when we arrive in Paris. It will never do for me not to be able to answer her when she is gracious enough to speak to me, and you sir, will have to arrange the settlements &c., with her as a matter of course."

"Oh! dear me, no, Mr. Guy," exclaimed the

professor with considerable warmth. "I'll have nothing to do with the matter. I'll be careful not to learn a word of French, if it is to lead to such a result." "But" queried Guy more thoroughly curious. "what possible objection can you have, she treated you well, did she not?"

"Oh, very well: yes, very well indeed; but she is a little hard of hearing, I think quite deaf, in fact; and really, I'm not strong enough to talk to her."

"Deaf!" repeated Guy in amazement.

"Why she is young is she not?"

"I could not say, I'm sure" was the reply, in a very nervous and excited manner, "I'm no judge of that class of society, as I explained before. Nothing would induce me to visit that lady again."

"Is she pretty?" asked Guy in despair of learning anything about his fiancée indirectly.

"Pretty!" exclaimed the tutor hurriedly, "how could I possibly know, when she has so much hair and wears it in such a loose, singular fashion! I don't remember ever in all my life to have seen hair worn in that style, though it may be the fashion now, for aught I know to the contrary."

"Well, sir," persisted Guy, "I suppose you saw her eyes—are they fine ones?"

"Fine ones!" echoed the tutor, "Mr. Guy why will you persist in asking about her, I tell you I didn't see her eyes—she had on glasses."

"Spectacles!" exclaimed the young man, aghast.

"Well, no," answered Mr. Frost, soothingly—"not exactly spectacles either—they were larger, and were green—perhaps her eyes were weak."

Guy only groaned in reply.

"There, my dear boy," said the old gentleman really affected by his pupil's evident distress "I didn't want to tell you—you know I didn't. But I wouldn't think anything more about it if I were you—you've got two years before you and a multitude of events is sure to happen in that time. Very likely she'll marry somebody else before you get home. She's just the sort of young woman to do such a thing, you may take my word for it. But," he continued in a persuasive tone, "now that I am on the subject, let me advise you, if she does remain single, and (except that I know the young men of the present age to be extremely venturesome and rash, I should be sure she would), and if you do have to marry her, let me earnestly caution you, my dear boy, to be very circumspect in your conduct towards her, for I imagine she has imbibed the strongest of those strong women's doctrines. I only imagine so, of course; she did not attempt to use any of those dangerous weapons lying about her just as another young lady might be supposed to have a bit of fancy work, or a love-story, or some girlish trinket, you know."

When Guy lifted his face from the table

where he had laid it, it was very white and resolute—every trace of indecision had vanished. Mr. Frost felt as he furtively examined it, that the young man had determined to refuse the hand of the heiress, Harriet Percy, and though he secretly applauded the determination he trembled for the result. The elder Sinclair's mind had been a "sealed book" to him always, and he now feared that the first broken seal would disclose an angry parent, and a disinherited son.

Guy wrote to his father that night, and declined forever all alliance with Harriet Percy. He informed his tutor that until he received an answer to his letter, he should remain in Liverpool; it might affect his contemplated tour very decisively.

The answer came at length; a very different one from what he had anticipated. It was very gentle and tender, and the disobedient son felt his heart throb with regretful relief,—regretful because so unmerited. In speaking of Harriet Percy he wrote, "I am sorry, my dear son, that you should have felt it necessary to refuse so decidedly the hand of the young girl I had selected for you—but since it is so, I will not urge you to reconsider the subject—I can only hope you had some urgent inducement for so doing. On my side of the question, I will say that I cannot accept your rejection of my word at this time. On your return home if you say you still adhere to your resolution, then I will accept it. But it can affect you in no other way than matrimonially. You are free to do just as you please—draw on me as often and as largely as you need—all that I have is yours. Why should you then imagine that for one act contrary to my wishes in twenty years, I could or would disinherit you? May such a thought never enter your heart again!"

The next morning Guy and his tutor were on the way to France.

(To be continued.)

POST OFFICE "MYSTERIES."

One of the most curious things connected with the Post Office (says a London journal) is the constant demand made upon the officials for the exercise of patience and ingenuity. No one would, beforehand, have expected such gross carelessness on the part of the public as is now known to be exhibited. The successive annual reports of the Postmaster-General show in how many different ways this carelessness makes itself felt. Sometimes there is inadvertency at the Post Office itself. For instance, on a particular day in 1861, five hundred bankers' parcels, containing bills, notes, drafts, and other kinds of monetary paper, were not forthcoming at the proper hour; the postman did not bring them, and Lombard street was in consternation. Messages and telegrams were despatched hither and thither without avail; when lo! the five hun-

dred packets were found safely reposing in a basket, which had inadvertently been pushed under a table out of sight in one of the rooms at St. Martin's-le-Grand. This one peccadillo, however, is small compared with those which the public are every day perpetrating.

On one occasion a gentleman at Westmeath complained bitterly to the postal authorities that a letter containing notes and bills for £400 had not been delivered. After a world of trouble the letter was found safe in a drawer belonging to whom it had been really delivered.

An important letter having miscarried, a clerk was examined as to whether he had posted it; he solemnly averred he had, and honestly believed what he said; but happening to put his hand in his pocket while he was speaking there was the letter! A check for twelve pounds not forthcoming at the proper time, was found (after much anxiety and waste of time on the part of the postal authorities) to have been innocently sold among scraps of waste paper to a *papier-mache* manufacturer to make into tea-trays. A letter containing halves of two ten pound notes was dropped on its way to the Post Office and lost; but the finder, happening to be honest, transmitted it to the proper owner. Another letter, delivered at a music-shop, was heedlessly wrapped up by a lady in a roll and carried away, a fact which was not ascertained until the Post Office had been much worried and pestered about it.

Many letters, of which non-delivery was made matter for complaint, have been found peacefully lying in street-door letter-boxes. In one case, where the letter-box was out of order, fifteen letters, one as much as nine years old, were found between the box and the door. A bank agent sent his son to the post-office to receive a letter containing valuable enclosures; the boy did so; but father and son were wonderfully forgetful, seeing that the letter with enclosures valued at £1,500 found its way to school, and there remained unnoticed till the next holidays.

A letter containing negotiable bills for one thousand two hundred pounds was given to a boy to post; he transferred it to another boy, with a penny to buy a stamp; this second boy spent the penny in taffy, and tore up the letter to escape detection, the pieces of paper found in the field being the means of unveiling the young rogue. A money letter was sent from one part of Ireland to another, but being fastened with very soft wax, it stuck to a letter directed to Nova Scotia, and made a double voyage across the Atlantic before it reached the hands of the proper person.

Lord Chancellor Cranworth on one occasion complained to Sir Rowland (then Mr. Rowland) Hill that a letter of great importance had not reached him; he afterwards found it buried under a heap of papers on his own table. A £10 note was put into a letter placed beside it; each letter was put into the envelope intended for the other, and an honest postmas-

ter, with fifty years' good service to back him, was driven nearly wild with anxiety at the confusion this blunder on the part of the sender occasioned.

In 1858 the most experienced officers in the home and western districts of the British Post Office, were at great expense of time and trouble enletters; it proved to be the work of a boarding house miss, a clumsy but most disgraceful plot to get home.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., AUGUST, 1866,

The Post Office is one of the principal institutions of the age, and like the electric telegraph a necessity of the times in which we live. It is however, but little thought of by the millions that daily use it; and few indeed have a proper idea of the organization and equipment of an ordinary city office, and fewer still of the arrangements and ramifications necessary for conducting successfully the postal business of districts, states, and nations. A green New Brunswicker may think our own Post Office does considerable, and perhaps it does, when the position and population of the province are taken into account: but compared with that of London, or New York, or Montreal, or indeed with any of the centres of population it sinks into insignificance. In New York—which is far below that of London—we have seen five large waggons arrive simultaneously in front of the dingy little building which constitutes the G. P. O. of the Empire State, crammed full of mail-bags literary bursting with letters and books, and papers from all quarters of the globe, and on every imaginable subject. Tumbled out on the pavement they were speedily dragged inside where numerous clerks were waiting to "sort" and send to their final destinations, the varied matter each contained. This is the "received matter." But the waggons—which "by the way are all painted bright red and lettered in gold "U.S. Mail"—are no sooner emptied than another force of clerks are actively engaged reloading them again with "going out matter." This takes place 7 or 8 times daily, and sometimes oftener, and to an onlooker it is really puzzling to think how it is possible so much can be assorted and delivered so quickly and with such clock-like precision; it goes on day after day, week after week, and year after year, with the same unflinching regularity, making this branch of the public service not only one of the necessities, but one of the wonders of the nineteenth century. Everything of course is thoroughly systematized. In every Department there is a comprehensive and perfect division and subdivision of labour. One set of clerks receives the

mails—another "sorts," another "makes up," another has the box delivery, another the general delivery, another sells Stamps in sums below a dollar, and another in sums above this, &c. The "sorters," for instance, do nothing else than get the letters ready for delivery, and so with all the others, each set of clerks having its own special duties to perform. The labor is abridged to some extent by a judicious arrangement of receipt boxes placed in various parts of the building, marked "Southern States" "Western" "Eastern" &c., with a caution to the public to be careful to put their letters in the right ones. At the lower entrance from Nassau Street a box is provided for newspapers and other printed matter; while in an office in the second floor, Stamped envelopes can be purchased in small or large quantities, the buyers, being requested to count their Stamps before leaving, that mistakes, if any, may be then and there corrected. The Americans are a reading people, and to gratify this taste a vender of periodicals has a stall in one corner of the building, where all the principal newspapers and serials of the day may be had either, for immediate use, or done up in wrappers ready for addressing and mailing. To many, this is a great convenience, as they can read the news of the day, or drop a paper for a friend while waiting, it may be, for the opening of a mail. But while provision is thus made for the mental part of Young America, the physical is likewise cared for in another corner where the melancholy recipient of bad tidings can drown his sorrow, or cool his fevered brain, by a refreshing draught of ice-cold soda water &c.

Owing to the scarcity of the thick paper like that on which the *Gazette* has been printed we have been compelled to issue a portion of our edition on a thinner quality until another supply arrives.

Parties in St. John, who wish to take the *Gazette* can subscribe for it at the book store of Messrs Chubb & Co, Prince William St.—Terms 50 cents per annum in advance.

The splendid new descriptive Price Catalogue of the "Excelsior Stamp Association" has been laid on our table. It is large, convenient, easy for reference and will be highly prized both to dealers and collectors, price 10 cents.

We have received the second edition of Mr. A. D. Robertson's descriptive (illustrated) Price List which is a great improvement on his first; this time containing 18 pages well filled, handsomely got up, and neatly printed on the first quality of paper. All collectors should procure one.—See advt.

Correspondents shall receive our attention.

Newly Issued Stamps.



Stamp Collectors would be the most unreasonable race of human beings in the world if they imagined that the governments of the various countries throughout the globe issued stamps for their convenience alone; but we honestly confess that it is with a considerable feeling of regret that we have so few novelties in the postal line this month to chronicle; yet such is the melancholy fact. Our engraving this issue represents the 5c. stamp of the Sandwich Islands, described in our last number.

ITALY.—A contemporary says: "The new 20 centime Stamp which was to have been issued on the 1st of July, has been delayed until the new Bank Notes, value 10 francs, are printed, they having to be printed on the Postage Stamp paper.

THE RIGI-KALTBAD label, about which so much has been said and written, turns out to be a sort of advertising Stamp, (in use at the Rigi-Kaltbad hotel), as well as a Postage or Local Stamp.

ST. KITT'S.—What's the meaning of this? A valued European correspondent in a letter to us, says:—"The St. Kitt's postmaster assures me no issue of Stamps for that island is expected. I sent money there and had it returned."

DRESDEN.—The Express Co. here have issued five more new Postals, viz: 1 neugr, rose; 2 ngr., lilac; 2½ n., rose; 3 ngr., salmon; 5 ngr., green. The four latter are printed in black on coloured paper; the former black on white.

PORTUGAL.—*Le Timbre Poste* says, that the 50 reis green blue, is now green yellow.

✓ Rare and Obsolete Stamps.

No. 5.

✓ BATON ROUGE.

Mostly all of our readers remember seeing a few months ago a small neat, unpretending stamp, nearly square with a pink border running round in the inside of which were the words P, O., at the top *J. McCormick* below and *Baton Rouge* and 5 in the centre, the whole resting upon a ground formed by green spots. The origin of this label or card is as follows:—In the year 1862, that portion of the inhabitants of the "Sunny South" whose lot it was to reside in the city of Baton Rouge became suddenly short of that very needful article—small change. Mr. McCormick who was postmaster at this time, conceived the notion that he might remedy this nuisance; this he tried to do in the shape of the stamp we are describing. It was used, not for postage, but for the sole purpose of making change. Every merchant in the city had

them by him, and no doubt they were in reality a great convenience. But alas! one fine day the Union forces entered the town, and immediately on their arrival "did away" with the stamps, not in a manner altogether relished by timbrophilists; and now these labels may be regarded as things of the past. It is exceedingly difficult to procure the genuine even in Baton Rouge itself. Mr. McCormick still lives in the town, but is no longer postmaster.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"HOW TO DETECT FORGED STAMPS,"

BY THOMAS DALTON, ESQ.

ESSAY.—*Head of Mercury*, 4 R. B. S., (1½ sch. c.)

ESSAY.—*Head of King*, 8 R. B. S., (2½ sch. c.); colour brown, on a ground composed of diagonal blue strokes.

GENUINE.

The figure 4 in head of Mercury Stamp is like the *written* figure.

The wing at the far side of the Mercury's head is higher than the one nearest, so that a narrow piece of the whole length of the wing is perceptible.

The King's ear is only partly to be seen, the top half being covered by the hair.

FORGED.

The figure 4 is like the usual *printed* figure.

There is only a very little of the far side wing to be seen.

The King's ear is wholly perceptible.

NEVIS.

1861.—*Name 1 d. lake.*

GENUINE.

The letters of Nevis are a fair size.

The left arm of the female supporting the fainting one is held out straight to the standing one.

There is a mineral spring coming from a rock in the back-ground.

FORGED.

The letters are unreasonably large.

The left arm is turned up to the standing female.

There is no mineral spring, and the rock is represented by wavy lines all pointing downwards.

PONY EXPRESS.

1, 2, 3, and 4 dollars all in five colours.

There are two separate forgeries of these stamps, but the first with which I will treat are the Hamburg emanations and which are the most widely circulated. In the forgery the second thin stroke in the N in Pony is thinner than the first. In the genuine the breath is shown to issue out of the horses' nostrils, but nothing is perceptible in the imitation. These two differences I think will suffice for the

above. In the other imitations the breath which ought to issue out of the horses nostrils cannot be seen, and the P in *Pony* is badly shaped. The ornamentation in the corners also is very blotchy and badly defined.

DENMARK.

1852.—*Inscription ; Kgl. Post Frimærke 2 rigsbank skilling blue.*

GENUINE.

The M in Frimærke is neatly printed.

The mouthpiece of the horn is pointed towards the left hand top corner.

The mouthpiece end of the horn is very thin

FORGED.

The second stroke, i. e., the first thick one in the M is clumsily done, and not so thick as the last stroke.

The horn is only slightly curved from the middle to the mouth piece, and therefore does not point up to the corner.

The end is rather thicker.

Postal Chit-Chat.

The following is a comparative statement of Money Orders drawn and paid in the month of July, in the years 1865 and 1866, at the Post Office, St. John :—

1865	1866
Drawn in July \$2358.58.	\$ 1813.82.
Paid in July \$15110.13.	\$17441.71.

By the new act to amend the post laws it is provided that postmasters shall return to the writers free of cost all letters not delivered or called for, when requested so to do by the person mailing them. Persons mailing letters may write on them a request to the postmaster to return the letter to them if not delivered in any number of days they may choose to mention, and it is made the duty of the postmaster to do so.—*Canada paper.*

AN arrangement has been made with the British Post Office for the transmission of book packets and packets containing merchandize of no intrinsic value in covers open at the ends, and subject to the usual regulations by the British mail packets from Panama to any port of the United States of Columbia, to any port in Bolivia, Ecuador, Chili or Peru. New York and San Francisco are the United States offices of dispatch.

WHAT IS MAIL MATTER? The clerks in the New York Post Office had a difficult subject under consideration last Saturday. A boy brought into the newspaper department a book to be sent by mail to Pennsylvania. This book was thin and large, eighteen inches in width and thirty inches in length. Its size was such that it could not be taken into the Post Office window, and it was doubtful if any of the mail bags were wide enough to contain it. But the

book was less than four pounds in weight, and so it seemed to be within the limit allowed by the Post Office regulations. The oldest clerk in the Newspaper department was called to give an opinion as to what should be done; but he was puzzled, and the subject was then referred to Superintendent Knapp, who decided that, inasmuch as, according to law, the book ought to be carried, it must be received as mail matter, whatever the result might be. Owners of extensive packages like this, it should be understood, must run unusual risks.—*Boston Journal.*

A short time ago one of the route agents on a railroad terminating at New York reported that he had found in a crevice in one of the boxes of his distributing case, two letters of an old date, which had accidentally slipped through and lain concealed there for some months. A careful examination of the car was made, and resulted in the finding of over forty letters which had fallen behind the sloping bottoms of the boxes—some of them having remained there over a year. They had fallen through a space formed by the shrinking of the false bottoms and the backs of the boxes. Route agents would do well to overhaul their cars for these letter traps.—*U. S. Mail.*

"THE Footprints of a Letter Carrier," a book written by Mr. James Rees, a clerk in the Philadelphia Post-office, contains a collection of curious addresses on the backs of letters, which have passed through the author's hands. Among them are the following :

"John Shmeet,
Shemummen Roth,
began Weeter
And Jamphen St.,"

which was ingeniously interpreted—

"John Smith,
Germantown Road,
Between Master and Thompson."

Another is sarcastic :—

"To Albert Walker, an awful talker,
Who lives in Salina—you won't find a meaner
If you travel all day through the state of I-O-A."

A letter addressed

"To John Gillespie,
Camp Cade.
Dell. A. Ware, Pa."

was sent to Camp Cadwallader.

The following was undecipherable :—

"Ns Duniel
lesnut York
nrofflen peidelpha
Pa in cuese oof
obed
Eas Make."

When is a letter carrier like a printer?
When he distributes his letters.

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PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 100 letters.

My 94, 59, 63, 45, 40, 71, 5, 16, 99, 21, 69, 77, 83, is the name of an American Stamp Dealer.

" 1, 2, 3, 99, 80, 12, 18, 54, 77, 11, 49, 53, 43, 91, 61, 36, 51, 37, 7, 70, 73, 23, 90, 95, 99, 100, 14, 99, 69, 83, 90, was a Stamp publication.

" 5, 64, 52, 80, 44, 47, 67, 10, 46, 57, 86, 65 75, 38, are eagerly sought after by collectors.

" 87, 51, 27, 31, 15, 76, 97, 39, 81, 99, 92 35, 34, 28, 80, 55, 17, 11, 49, 8, 54, 60, 50, 71, 64, 24, 19, 9, 34, 66, 59, 86, 11, 62, 84, 38, 80, 98, is invaluable to collectors.

" 64, 15, 24, 71, 62, 55, 22, 33, 99, 9, 24, 99, 20, 89, 99, 6, 72, 43, 48, is a publication.

" 79, 87, 26, 65, 82, 85, 58, 32, 11, 57, 30, 54, 13, 56, 49, 74, 93, 96, 22, 10 99, 75, 41, 67, 38, 52, 79, 59, 91, 61, is very common.

" 18, 22, 27, 88, 80, 37, 78, 76, 42, 69, 33, 11, 53, 100, 29, 25, 19, 75, 47, 82, 99, 26, 98 67, 86, is the inscription on a stamp.

" 4, 68, 69, 82, 99, 81, has issued many stamps.

My whole ought to be in the hands of every collector. S.

Answer next month.)

Answer to Enigma in last months' Gazette:—*The Monthly British and Foreign Stamp and Coin Advertiser of Manchester, England.*

The following received prizes for correct solution: E. A. C., St. John; R. L. L., Providence, R. I.; M. R. S., Halifax, N. S., and S. L., Brooklyn, N. Y.

The first prize for Enigma in this issue, is a 3d Newfoundland, green, triangular; 2nd, 1 centime [new] Belgium; 3rd, $\frac{1}{2}$ s gr, North Germany; 4th, 5 reis, Portugal—all unused and genuine. Edipus of Boston, successfully answered both of the Enigmas in our last number.

The answer to Stella Mackay's Enigma is:—*Mr. Edward Allison Craig, number twenty-two Britain Street, Lower Cove, Saint John New Brunswick, British North America.*

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Ggeeeytiincthht, the value on an American Stamp.

2. Wiooeekenmytssddtrra, to be found on the Italian Stamp.

[Answers next month.]

Answers to Transpositions in our last:—1, *Gum arabic*; 2, *Segna Tassa*; 3, *Unsoiled and well-filled Album*; 4, *Remit and return.*

G. L. P., Milwaukie, and R. A., Fredonia, N. Y. got prizes for No. 1. S. L., Brooklyn, 1st prize for No. 2.; No. 3 not answered; and No. 4 answered by S. H. L., Pictou N. S.

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LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER VI.

After Guy Sinclair had reached Paris he took an early opportunity to look over the American newspapers which he had received on the eve of leaving Liverpool. Almost the first article that caught his attention was a singular advertisement headed *Lost*, the particular commodity on this occasion being Miss Percy's Connell. On referring to the date of the paper he found it to be the very day of his departure from New York. If he had only remained another day! *If!* well, there is ever an 'if' lurking among the plans, speculations and pleasures of life; and often, very often, changing its whole current—changing it from green meadows and tree-shaded banks to dark and unknown channels. I entertain such a dislike to that small conjunction (or transitive verb as *exact* grammarians call it) that I feel inclined—while Guy is looking at the notice I have just mentioned—to write an essay, or homily, perhaps just to relieve my mind a little concerning this ghoul that has been feeding on the hopes of humanity ever since that old Prince Cadmus, introduced its compeers into the world; and before, too, I dare say. But a second thought warns me that the Timbrophilic community will not probably look with especial favor on digression in the form of a sermon, even though it has such a prolific text; so I must restrain my grudge against this particular part of speech, and presume that Guy Sinclair, Jr., has as good a right to meet it in Paris, as you or I, my friend, has in St. John. I am sorry to say, that though Guy was conversant with all sorts of platonisms, he did not look with more fear at his 'if,' than you with the *penchant* for rare specimens from the postal departments, did just now when I proposed writing a homily. A conclusion seems to come in here naturally enough which is, that a man who don't know the difference between Plato

and the "Emperor of all the Russias" can bear disappointment just as well as the most learned philosopher extant—I use the word extant at a venture, because it is to be supposed that such progressive times will soon leave that class of individuals in the division known as obsolete. Our young tourist was so overcome with his misfortune in having left New York a day sooner than he fancied he ought to, that it was some time before he thought of looking at the number of the office where the Connell was to be taken when found. His heart bounded with delight when he recognized the street and number where his friend, Ellis Blair received litigiously inclined members of the United States. Guy thrust his regrets aside as speedily as possible—his mental and physical man was improving, certainly—and he wrote a letter to his far off friend with as much impatience as he might have done to the fair owner of the Connell herself. I am not surp'd at it at all, in th's case; Ellis must have been in communication with his unknown innamorata, and consequently was a being to be revered with only a secondary veneration. The image of our ex-Postmaster-General smiled encouragingly as Guy removed his Stamp—alas! his no longer—from the square where he had placed it in so prophetic a manner. Were I to hint that Guy looked sorrowfully into the Postmaster's smiling face—that he went further and touched it to his lips (I have no intention whatever of starting any kind of scandal about Postmasters in general or particular, as of course any one may see) very likely you would smile at such a weakness—very likely you would be quite oblivious of any such weakness on some such occasion yourself; and might feel inclined to place my hero below the standard aimed at by model young men. Regard for Guy's honor, then, compels me to be silent concerning this hint; and I can only allow every one to interpret it as they please. Our young friend certainly placed the Connell in the letter he had just written, and the Post Office at Paris was obliging enough to forward it with all necessary dispatch. In the mean time Guy employed himself in various ways; the most particular one seemed to be a regular at-

tendance on a certain *Monsieur* who vainly undertook to teach him the French accent. Nature had intended Guy for a linguist, and so with no tuition and scarcely any labour he could read French tolerably before he left home. Mr. Frost reprobated these meetings as earnestly as though they were preliminaries to another Fort Sumpter affair; his introduction to Miss Percy had evidently given him a settled dislike to the French language. Guy was not surprised at this, but another phase of the old gentleman's character astonished him exceedingly, and that was the interest he took in the Stamp album, before noticed. Whether his tutor was verging towards his "second childhood" or whether there was really something remarkably peculiar in the amusement, was beyond his discrimination. He turned the subject over in his mind again and again. Was there any association between the Stamps of the present day, and the hieroglyphics of ancient times? Did this man's mind, which delighted to hide itself among the shadows and obscurities of the past, discover any similarity between this custom of to-day and some practice of date so ancient as to be a mere mist hovering around the memory? It was an enigma he could not solve. Had he handed it over to some of the subscribers of the "*Monthly Gazette*" they might have assisted him, since they seem to understand those small armies of figures in its puzzle-department—figures enigmatical enough to refer one with a shudder to Samson and the Philistines. Instead of denouncing the album as a waste of time, and a childish folly Mr. Frost had at first gazed at it with a perplexed glow of pleasure on his face; "very pretty" "very singular" and such like exclamations were his comments as he turned over the leaves and examined the Stamps already inserted; and very puzzling to Guy were his questions concerning the affair altogether. As he studied the album, Guy studied him; but, I must say that the tutor's study seemed the most progressive. At his first arrival in France Mr. Frost had manifested very little interest in the country, its institutions and inhabitants: but after a while a change seemed to have passed over his views, and he took repeated walks in company with an American whose acquaintance he had accidentally made—a man of rather a disreputable appearance,—but who seemed to understand the city, its language and manners. Guy was certainly surprised, to say the least of it. His tutor who had never cultivated the acquaintance of any one, to be now so suddenly intimate with a stranger and one whose manner was so repulsively *vulgar*! The old gentleman read less than formerly, and seemed intent, on some occupation, which he desired to keep private, for on Guy or the servants entering the room he usually closed his small desk quickly and locked it. Guy did not wish to intrude upon his tutor's business, whatever it was, and thus often lounged round the hotel, when he would rather have been in his own parlor; but

the servants were not so particular, one especially seemed constantly to have some errand into this parlor when Mr. Frost was there. Guy had noticed him several times creeping up to the door quite softly and then opening it hastily—and on such occasions the tutor had closed the desk with considerable trepidation. But the man had been so very respectful and attentive, that he could not actually complain of his conduct which he imagined an undue curiosity that in time would wear itself out. The secret came out in time, though much to Guy's annoyance.

After a prolonged stay in one of the public galleries, on his return to his hotel, he found Mr. Frost absent and a man, a stranger, in possession of the room. Guy looked at him for an explanation which was given with much courtesy Mr. Frost was in the hands of the police and this stranger was one of that same respectable body, and contemplated accompanying our young traveller to the same care. His desk and papers had also been taken possession of. Guy was indignant of course; who wouldn't be? But that did not avail him anything here, and would doubtless have been much against him, only the man happened to be really sensible—one who could read the human countenance better than he could do a book. This knowledge told him that the young American before him was no criminal as the curious servant—himself a secret agent of the Police—had represented.

It was no business of his guard to enter into details; but he stated to his prisoner the necessity of submission and advised him to wait patiently till his release was effected, which he maintained *would* be the case if he was innocent of crime. Guy took his advice, and on arriving at his destination allowed himself to be searched quietly. He found a night in a guard-house a very undesirable event—still less so was his visit to the police office where he was surrounded by a crowd of low offenders, among whom he recognized his tutor in a pitiable state of horror and dismay. He bowed and smiled pleasantly to him, but this only stimulated the affrighted old man to attempt a frantic rush to his side and caused him to be roughly handled for insubordination. After some private conversation between the inspector and Guy's guard, he, together with his tutor was allowed an immediate and private examination.

On opening Mr. Frost's desk the whole cause of the arrests was found to be a Stamp album. The poor, old tutor, perhaps ashamed of the business, had been secretly forming a collection. His anxiety lest he should be observed and his walks with a man well known to the police as a gambler, had been noticed by this servant—a secret member of the police, as I have before stated.

A very curious conversation took place between Mr. Frost and the inspector in which one of the guards-men acted as interpreter. Although I have heard it said that the Emperor

of France is a Stamp collector, certainly some of his police service are not, for this inspector handled the Stamp album as cautiously as if he had supposed it to be an infernal machine. Time elucidates everything and so in the end, the tutor and his pupil were discharged, with something like a smile of surprise and contempt upon the inspector's grim features. During the investigation Guy learned that Mr. Frost's new acquaintance only acted as interpreter when he went to the Post office, and Stamp dealers to buy Stamps. The poor old man did not easily recover his serenity however, and was rejoiced at an opportunity of leaving Paris and its Police behind him which came immediately after Guy had received an answer to his letter to Ellis Blair.

The Connell came back with it; also the information that its owner, Miss Percy was travelling in Europe, "where, doubtless," said the writer "you will meet her: when you can return it yourself."

(To be continued).

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"HOW TO DETECT FORGED STAMPS,"

BY THOMAS DALSTON, ESQ.

DUTCH INDIES.

I hear of the 5 c. being forged, but as I have not yet seen a specimen, I must describe it from the description which was sent me. In the forgery the face of the king is not shaded, and on the collar and ear to the right there is very little shading. The forgery is not well executed, the shading being the worst, but it is well known the genuine is beautifully executed.

FINLAND.

ENVELOPES.—5 *kop*, blue, 10 *kop*, rose; transversely oval.

GENUINE.

The lines on the shield touch the outline above and below.

Round the left and right side of the crown are 9 dots.

Same as above—20 *kop*. black.

This imitation appears to be of greenish slate colour. Inside the wide end of the left hand horn, within two circles, is a thin mark, and at the top of it is a dot; this is not so in the genuine. The eight stars also are very badly done in the forgery.

FRANCE.

UNPAID LETTER LABELS, 1863.—15 centimes a *percevoir*, square.

The inscription in the forgery is rather irregu-

lar, and the V in *percevoir* is like a U. It appears to be a badly printed lithograph.

The following counterfeits have come under notice too late for insertion in their proper places.

BADEN.

1855.—*Inscription: Baden Freimarke, 1 kreuzer white.*

GENUINE.

The minute inscriptions at sides are very neatly executed.

The corner ornaments are all like each other in size and shape and neatly executed.

The lettering of *Freimarke* is a uniform size and neat and regular.

FORGED.

The inscriptions at sides are exceedingly poorly done, and it is utterly impossible to read them.

The corner ornaments are very much unlike each other, and badly done.

The first R in *Freimarke* is larger than the second R, and the whole word is carelessly executed.

BRAZIL.

1861.—*Oblong Roman figures indicating value, printed in black, 10 reis, 20, 30, 90, 180.*

GENUINE.

The figures are very distinct, especially the black shading.

The outside enclosing line is very straight and well defined in the whole set.

The numeral of value is in all the Stamps well shaped.

FORGED.

The black shading of the figures is not well defined, and it runs into the background.

This line is crooked and broken in several places; in the right hand top corner of most of the Stamps it runs into the line within it.

The 9 in the 90 reis is leaning towards the left and is very badly formed.

Probably the 300 and 600 reis of the same issue are forged, but I have not yet seen a specimen. I would however beg to caution collectors against the same, and if they are forged, which is very probable, the above description will no doubt suffice to detect them.

THE COLLECTOR'S GUIDE of Newport, R. I., has improved wondrously since its first number, and deserves the support of all collectors of bird's pens, eggs, stamps, coins, &c., &c., who will find in the *Guide* an able advocate. Mr. S. Gould is proprietor. Terms 50 cents per annum.

Read the advertisement of M. A. Olliver,—Sing Sing, N. Y.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SEPTEMBER, 1866.

Montreal like other great commercial cities can boast of many fine public buildings not the least handsome of which is her Post Office, situated on the corner of St. Francois Xavier and St James' streets. It has, however, but one entrance, and that by the last named street. Before entering the building the first object of attraction is a large signboard, directly over the central delivery window, on one side of which is painted in large legible letters "SORTED" and on the other "ARRIVED"; underneath the latter the name of the mail which has just come to hand is inserted, where it remains until the whole has been sorted—which generally occupies about half an hour,—when it is removed and placed below the former. This, we think, is a good arrangement, the general adoption of which would save much time, and trouble to Post Office clerks, and be quite a convenience to the public. On the right side of the entrance is the "Registry Office" and on the left the "Money Order" Department. Connected with the office are 2000 drawers and boxes; the holders of the former having keys which they can use at pleasure; and for the accommodation of the latter there are several windows all marked "BOX DELIVERY." Parties who do not rent boxes (which by the way cost but \$1.50 per annum) get their letters at the "General Delivery" window. When a "registered" letter arrives, the person to whom it is addressed, or whoever may be acting for him, gets a red card on which is printed the word "Registered," this he takes to the Registry Office and then after signing the receipt book gets his letter. At each of the "delivery" windows a clerk is constantly stationed, ready from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M., to answer all enquiries. As in other large offices the sorters are a distinct class from the others, and attend to this duty only. Boxes for the reception of letters, are placed in various parts of the city which are regularly visited at stated times by carriers and relieved of their contents. The amount of business done in this office is immense and far exceeds that of any other city in British America.

There is no department for general supply of Stamps in connection with this office; but near to the building at the General Stamp, and Newspaper Depot of E. Pickup these can be had in any quantity.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co., of Bath, England, have published a fourth edition of Dr. Gray's celebrated Catalogue of Postage Stamps, which we have perused with much interest and

pleasure. The author is well known as a gentleman of education and ability, and generally regarded by Stamp Collectors as an authority on all timbrophilic matters. This last edition of the Doctor's Illustrated Catalogue is worthy in every way of its author, and should be in the possession of every collector. It is much larger and fuller than its predecessor, and contains in an easy and readable form a vast amount of information on almost every topic connected with Stamp Collecting. The introduction is an able chronological resume of the history of Penny Postage from its first inception till the present period; and cannot fail to interest others besides collectors. Following this, is a table or glossary, giving the English translation of foreign postage inscriptions,—showing, also, the nationality from the coin or device used. The Catalogue, itself, contains a full and finely illustrated account of the past and present stamps of about one hundred and fifty countries, besides this, there are short papers on "Locals" and "Essays," which to the young philatelist will prove of great value; among the latter, we were, however, rather surprised to find a place given to the Fenian "Essay" which every intelligent collector on this side of the Atlantic knows was made "to sell," only. The Dr. appears to have had some misgivings about inserting this in his catalogue for in his introduction he remarks "that 'not improbably it is the work of some speculative engraver,' which is the truth.

However, we cordially commend to our readers this new edition of the Dr.'s catalogue and bespeak for it a large circulation.

Newly Issued Stamps.

We expected to have had in time for this issue of the *Gazette*, cuts illustrative of the 200 and 500 reis described below, but have been disappointed by our engravers. We are sorry for this; but, if our readers excuse us this time, we will try and make ample amends in future numbers.

The expected new Brazilian series have come at last, and rather a handsome set they make. There are seven of them as follows 10 reis—vermillion, 20 reis brown lilac, 50r deep blue 80r lilac, 100r green 200r black, and 500r orange. The 10, 20, 80, 100 and 500 reis all have in the centre a portrait of the Kings full face slightly turned towards the right. Brazil at top value in words, 8 figures at bottom (the 50 reis has figures in four corners); each differ in design. The 20 reis and 200 reis have head in profile to the left, BRAZIL at top, value in letters below, figures denoting value at sides. They are all perforated, rectangular, and present a fine appearance, as they were engraved by the American Bank Note Company New York.

PORTUGAL.—A new Stamp for this country has come forth in the shape of a 120 reis, head

of King Don Luis to the left in pearl oval border, engraver's initials at left side and CORREIO at right; blue, coloured impression on white paper.

PERSIA.—We understand the Persian Stamps noticed some time ago will be issued soon.

PERU.—The new 5 centavos has appeared, rectangular, and perforated. In design it closely resembles the Costa Rica Stamps. A shield is seen in the centre upon which are two Llamas; one with a load upon its back. In the background is a mountain or rock. Surmounting the shield are two labels the top one containing CORREOS 5 PERU, directly underneath PORTO FRANCO—at the bottom in a straight line, is the value in words. The colour is bright green.

MONTEVIDEO.—Proofs have been presented to the Government of Stamped Envelopes which it is rumoured in philatelic circles will soon be adopted

THE DANUBIAN COMPANY have just issued an oblong Stamp value 17 soldi, rose on white paper; denticulated in the centre is an oval containing a smaller oval with 17 in it, on each side is an anchor around the larger oval is a band with ERSTE KK PR DONAU DAMPFSCHEFFAHRT GESELLSCHAFT.

SAXONY.—During the terrible war which now for a time has happily ceased in Europe between Prussia and Austria and its dependencies the Saxon authorities presented to their warriors, gratis, "Feld Post" envelopes bearing the inscription K. S. FELD POST BRIEF-FREI. The missives of the soldiers enclosed therein were carried and delivered free of charge.

FINLAND.—**TAMMERFORS.** A small oval Stamp similar to the Helsingfors label, has been issued for the town of Tammerfors. In the centre is a shield divided by a blue bar with 12 PENNI in white letters, at left side is a T (for Tammerfors); at right a hammer and staff. Figure 12 top and both sides. TAMMERFORS at top, LOKAL POST below. Light green on white paper.

HAMBURG.—A new adhesive value 1½ sch. is out.

NORWAY.—We learn from our foreign exchanges that a local Stamp for letters and packets will be shortly issued for this country and a design is given,—a small square Stamp with an oval in the centre bearing G. F. K. THRONHJEMS at top, BY POST below, value 1 skilling lithographed.

THURN AND TAXIS. ½gr. is now yellowish red.

Several items unavoidably crowded out this issue will appear in our next.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

M. A. O., Sing Sing.—The Honolulu 1 cent blue which you forward is a forgery. You will perceive as the design is so very simple, that there is considerable difficulty in defining which is which. The easiest and surest way for you to find out is to compare it with an undoubtedly genuine specimen.

E. K. Washington, D. C.—The postage from any part of the United States to New Brunswick, is but 10c, not 3c. as has been repeatedly stated in the *Gazette*.

E. S. D. Montreal, C. E.—Your address has been changed, per request.

R. W. Montpelier, Vt.—We fully endorse your statements respecting the fair and honourable dealings of Messrs Industria & Co., cordially reciprocate your kind wishes on their behalf.

W. F. New York.—1. The *Gazette* you ordered has been sent. 2. The first volume consisting of 12 nos. will cost 75 cents U. S. Currency. 3. Vol. 2 began with No. 13.

G. S. Winsford, Cheshire, England.—It is now upwards of four months since we heard from you last. You will confer a favor upon us by writing immediately on receipt of this paper.

* * Several letters stand over to be answered in our next.

Postal Chat-Chat.

MONEY ORDERS.—The following is a comparative statement of Money Orders drawn and paid during the month of August in the years 1865 and 1866.

	Paid	Drawn
1865	14764.51	2299.05
1866	17217.40	1302.13

It may be well to remark that the current Stamps of Nova Scotia—which may truly be considered the crowning gems of a collection—are the work of the American Bank Note Co. This Company has also engraved the Stamps of the United States, Canada, New Brunswick (including the celebrated Connell), Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Newfoundland. The dies of the Nova Scotian Stamps were used to form the designs of two of the new Stamps of the last named colony.—*Dr. Gray's Catalogue.*

Mail facilities in the Sandwich Islands are still of a somewhat primitive order. Every Wednesday afternoon, it is said, a travel-worn pedestrian enters the village of Kawaihae with his rubber-covered bag strapped securely to his back. This he has brought from Hilo, since Monday morning, and as the shades of evening cool the rocky hill sides he starts on his return, reaching the bay on Saturday night, an arrival which, in steamer times, is no less welcome than regular. This journey which, measured on the many curved roads up and down the sides of ravines and including a detour into Waipio, must be not less than 160 miles in length, is performed in alternate weeks by two men who show great power of endurance. Sometimes, though rarely, a horse is brought into requisition.

The following item taken from the *U. S. Mail* is we think rather "hard." "As married women are incapable of holding the office of Postmaster, it follows that a female postmaster would have to resign her office if she married."

THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

Persons desirous of becoming agents for this paper are requested to communicate with the publisher, Terms liberal.

All Postal Publications, Magazines, Catalogues, &c., intended for review, should reach the office of this paper on or before the 25th of each month.

ADVERTISERS are requested to send in their favors not later than the 25th of the month, or as soon before that time as possible. ADVERTISEMENTS to secure attention must invariably be accompanied with the cash.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I consist of 94 letters.

My 22, 71, 6, 83, 87, 47, 40, 1, 76, 36, 65, 27, 89, 68, 41, 78, 46, 26, 11, 82, 18, 59, 56, 62, 77, is the inscription on a European Stamp.

" 80, 41, 59, 46, 39, 77, 38, 4, 28, 86, 36, 90, 94, 31, 64, 81, 85, 61, 13, 19, 45, inscription on an American Stamp.

" 37, 56, 91, 67, 20, 9, 10, 15, 25, 29, 35, 44, 49, 63, 38, 24, 12, 8, 30, inscription on an African Stamp.

" 48, 92, 3, 51, 66, 88, 74, 36, 27, 57, 73, 34, 60, 20, 5, 42, 52, 62, 90, inscription on an Oceanic Stamp.

" 65, 81, 75, 35, 2, 53, 8, 54, 78, 86, 92, 21, 14, inscription on a newly issued Stamp.

" 17, 91, 33, 85, 7, 57, 19, 84, 89, 74, 37, 52, is the value of a European Stamp.

" 9, 70, 43, 25, 51, 46, 21, 65, 56, 16, 90, 91, 28, was a postal publication.

" 77, 23, 51, 32, 15, 69, 64, 20, 6, 79, 86, 80, 50, 56, 8, 11, 64, 41, 91, 25, 29, 55, 92, 77, is a Foreign Stamp dealer.

" 2, 12, 90, 42, 41, 62, 72, 92, 67, 49, 5, 77, 13, 93, 56, 57, 58, 25, 3, 4, 9, 76, 56, 78, 58, are three countries employing stamps.

My whole are Stamp publications.

S.

(Answer in our next).

Answer to Enigma in last month's Gazette: *The fourth Edition entirely rewritten of Justin Lallier's Postage Stamp Album translated into English from the French.*

The following are the successful solvers: J. R., Toronto, C. W.; S. M., Bridgetown, N. S., and M. R. S., Halifax, N. S.

The first prize for Enigma in this number is La Guaira 2c.; 2nd Greece, 80 lepta; 3rd New-Grenada 1c.; 4th, Portugal, 5 reis.—All unused.

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

1. Ipppnnsaaekdr every Stamp Dealer uses.

2. Gnnnnrrrhheeevooscai inscription on a Postage Stamp.

(Answers next issue.)

Answers to Transpositions in our last; 1. *Eighty cent eighty.* 2. *Two keys crossed and mitre.* Prizes awarded to J. A. N., Montreal, C. E., G. R. P., New Haven, Conn.; (for no. 1) J. A. N., Montreal; J. R., Toronto, C. W., and M. R. S., Halifax, N. S., for no. 2,

We will give for first correct answer to no. 1 in this impression, a green, Turkey; 2nd, 3ore Sweden; 3rd, 10c. France. For no. 2; 1st, Brunswick, $\frac{3}{4}$, blk.; 2nd, Meclenburg, $\frac{1}{4}$, red; 3rd, 1c Belgium,—all warranted genuine,

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LOST!

BY WAIF.

CHAPTER VII.

Ellis Blair's letter concerning the lost Connell was like a new page in the life of Guy Sinclair. The cherished Stamp had returned to him, like Noah's dove, bringing with it food for hope,—just as the olive leaf did to the ancient patriarch. What emotions of joy and gratitude that single token must have caused among the solitary specimens of humanity that were drifting on the awful flood, they knew not whither! Guy had drifted away from home,—away from all the securities and forms of his past life—had drifted, as it were, away from himself. He had drifted by sight only, and without a ray of faith that, ultimately, there would come a season of rest,—a harvest of peace. But as we may imagine the "forty day's rain" had worked a complete change in Noah's existence, and an equal one in his mind, so had this period in our young traveller's life been to him like the trials of a "flood," and he had come out of the ark of experience, renewed in mind and body, with an olive leaf of hope in his hand.

Although we know that in reality hope is a will-o-the-wisp, which continually eludes our grasp, and that often leads us into swamps of sorrow and bogs of distress, yet there is no time in our lives when we are able to defy her fascinations and turn away from her smiles. Guy Sinclair followed her fluctuating rays just as we all do. He exulted when she smiled; and the world went in mourning when she frowned. Hope certainly *did* frown when, in his experience, she came to the place where he had so decidedly refused the hand of Harriet Percy. "what if she should now refuse you?" says Hope; and then Guy thought the world was all a "barren, barren shore." Then the enchantress rallied a little, and suggested to the young man the propriety of writing to his father at

once, and allowing *his* part of the betrothal to remain in statu-quo, just as the elder Sinclair had intimated that his own should do.

After attending to this little matter between his directress and himself, Guy felt relieved, and prepared to relieve his tutor's fears also, by leaving the Parisian police in the "dim distance."

"Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." So sings the poet, and truthfully, too, as far as our friend the tutor is concerned.

Had he known that a force equally Argus-eyed and effectual awaited him on the borders of France, to conduct him, and inspect his very motions, among other European powers, he might have turned his trembling steps homeward in despair. The intercourse between Mr. Frost and the Parisian Police Institution had turned that venerable personage's hitherto peaceful life into wormwood and gall. He saw a servant of the institution in every one who glanced at him,—an inquisitor in every man who was so unfortunate as to address him. The simplest courtesy at table, or elsewhere, was only a lure for another night in the guard house—another trial in an unknown language, before a foreign tribunal. Even when leaving Paris he inspected the driver very doubtfully, and with a terrible dread of a policeman's badge appearing at any moment. It was not until he was assured that they had left the French territory behind them that he cast his fears aside, and allowed himself the privilege of natural respiration. The reaction was like a draught of ambrosia to mortal lips. It is true the spectre was still beside him; but it was unseen, and, -o, powerless to effect terror on his mind.

Guy had taken a cup of ambrosia too; Miss Percy was in Europe, and Ellis Blair had said that he would doubtless meet her; but the question arose, when should he meet her? and where? Might she not be entering France, as he was leaving it?

These were perplexing interrogations, truly, and were the means of sprinkling a little of the tutor's wormwood into his own ambrosia. He had made use of one of Mr. Frost's inquisitors to ascertain that the young lady was not in

Paris, at the time of his departure, which was all the information he could acquire. All he could do then was to go on with his tour just as it was laid out for him, and leave the rest with that ambiguous lady known as Fate. Thus Guy was leaning on a myth for his happiness, and on a myth for his guidance. Only for the first, Hope, there would be little of peace and pleasure surrounding us. She is capricious, and changeable and tyrannical; but though she leaves us one hour she returns the next; he *must* trust her for the second. Fate,—what is she after all, but Providence, and, though a myth in her first character, is truly to be relied on under her right name. Leaving a result with Fate, which should have been entrusted to Providence, Guy went onward. It is needless for us to follow him through his travels, as that is not our object. It is with the lost Connell that our story rests; so we will only say that month after month rolled on, and he had unconsciously missed its owner, just as Evangeline had missed her lost lover; he might have overtaken her many times had he only known it; but, *not* knowing, they had diverged again and again.

The second year of Guy's travels had commenced, and he had ceased to care about swamps and bogs—he had pursued his ignis-fatu-us through so many. So, as he was roaming aimlessly through Italy, he came unexpectedly upon a party of Americans, a broken vehicle, and a wayside inn, and the young lady whom he had met once in Broadway was among the first.

I might bring a host of weighty words, if I could only tell which was the most effective, into requisition, in order to describe our hero's feelings at this moment: but as I cannot do justice to the one or the other, I think I will allow every timbrophilist, who has taken the trouble to follow them so far, just to imagine them for himself. There is something in the very uncertainty and latitude of such a course that may cause a little flutter among the imaginary powers, but will, doubtless prove immensely agreeable as a result to so original a description. I can't say, then, whether he was spell-bound, his feet fettered to the ground, or what could have been the cause; but I know he stood gazing at the young lady in a very ungentlemanly, and far from romantic manner, and seemingly quite unconscious that other eyes had forgotten propriety in regarding him. The young girl, herself, had no sooner turned her laughing eyes towards Mr. Frost, than a look of recognition passed over her face, which was immediately followed by a curious glance at his companion. A deep flush passed over her fair cheeks, and rushed up among the rich waves of her dark hair, as she met his eyes fixed upon her; it recalled Guy to his position, and he passed on into the inn.

"Do you know him?" asked a gentleman who stood beside her.

"The old gentleman is Mr. Frost, who is travelling with his pupil, young Mr. Sinclair from New York," was the reply.

"The young man is Sinclair, then, of course," said another; "is he a son of Guy Sinclair, the millionaire?"

"I expect so," said Hattie, evasively.

"He is very handsome, no matter whose son he is," remarked a lady.

This was quite true; for a year had worked a marvellous change in the young student's appearance. Instead of the slight, sickly looking youth that Hattie expected to see, a tall, well-developed young man, with all the ease and assurance of a traveller, met her astonished eyes. That he was handsome, no one could deny; and for the first time in her life, Hattie felt a thrill of sympathy in answer to what she read in another's eyes.

Where had she met Guy Sinclair, she asked herself in vain; for that he had recognized her was evident.

"Hattie," said Auntie Peppers, coming out of the inn, and breaking the thread of Miss Percy's interrogatories, "who do you think has arrived?"

Hattie looked up inquiringly.

"Why it is young Guy Sinclair, and he is grown so tall, and stout, and manly looking that I scarcely knew him."

Hattie was amazed, but her usual vivacity soon returned, and she answered gravely, "I never would have believed Auntie Peppers, that you knew so many young gentlemen. Why the young man who has just passed in, and whom you style Guy Sinclair, looks stylish and aristocratic and polished enough for an Italian brigand at the very least."

"Now don't Hattie," said the old lady deprecatingly; "I can't help being glad to see him, for he used to be such a pale, sickly looking quiet little fellow, when he was in the country and boarded with Mrs. Bunnell, at the old hall; I always thought that if he had played with other children, and gone to the public school, he would grow healthy and lively, like the rest of the boys, but Mrs. Bunnell quite snubbed me up when I mentioned it to her; and I was quite right you see, for now that he has got out into the world, what a man he has grown to be. He was real glad to see me, too, though it's years and years since we met, and Hattie, dear, what do you think he asked me?—why, what your name was—"

"Oh, Auntie, I hope you didn't"—exclaimed Hattie in alarm, but Auntie Peppers interrupted her wish, "to be sure not; of course not, my dear; I called you Miss King; just as we all do; though I never could see any sense in one going out of their right name. Oh, here comes the young gentleman himself. Mr. Sinclair, let me introduce you to the young lady you were just enquiring about,—Miss King."

Guy flushed crimson as he expressed his pleasure in meeting Miss King; but Hattie laughed and said very stoutly indeed, though she knew it would only add to his confusion, "I hope you will not take the trouble to inquire about a

young lady again, Mr. Sinclair, since it leads to such an embarrassing result.

The rest of the company now joined them, and a general introduction ensued, and in a short time Guy found himself very much at home among his countrymen and women.

There was one thing that puzzled him exceedingly, though; Miss King was certainly the young lady he had seen in Broadway, and who had made such a lasting impression on his mind; yet Miss Percy was said to be the owner of the Connell. He could not reconcile the facts. He had hoped that the latter young girl was not the ogre represented by his tutor; but after the meeting with Miss King, all his former air-castles had crumbled into dust before his eyes, and Miss Percy and his unknown idol were no longer one.

TO BE CONTINUED.

FORGED STAMPS FROM "THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

CANADA.

Head of Prince Albert (?) in an oval. 6d. iron-grey. Rect. 1856.

There is a photograph of this rare Stamp now in circulation; it may be distinguished from the original, by being *glazed* on the surface, and of a brown colour.

NATAL.

1856. Crown in relief, on coloured paper. 1d, rose, blue; 3d., pale rose; 6d., dark green; 9d., blue; 1s., drab. Large Rect.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

All the lettering is embossed, the surface therefore is rough. The lettering sinks, *i.e.*, instead of going up, it goes down.

NORWAY.

Arms in a circle. 1855. 4 sk., blue. Rect.

GENUINE.

FORGED.

The words 'Frimærke' and 'Skilling' are large and distinct.

The words 'Frimærke' and 'Skilling' are much smaller, and very indistinct.

Colour, blue verditer.

Colour, Ultramarine. Lithographed.

Die-printed.

PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steam Vessel in tranverse oval. Letters P. S. N. C. in corners. Large oblong. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 1rl., 1 oz. 2. rls., blue; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 1 rl., 1 oz. 2rls. carmine; 1 oz 2rls., brown; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 1r.; 1 oz 2rls.; orange; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. 1 rl., 1 oz. 2rls., green.

There are two forgeries extant of these rare stamps, (which are beautiful as regards execution). The *first* is wretchedly done, being very coarse; the value also is in almost as small letters as the P. S. N. C., while in the genuine it is almost as large again.

In the *second* forgery the execution is much better, but the ship is going the wrong way, *i. e.* to the left; in the genuine it sails to the right. The smoke likewise goes the wrong way. There are clouds in both of the forgeries; in the genuine there are none.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

1861—62. Swan swimming to the right; Oblong. 1d., black; 1d, rose; 2d., orange. 2d., blue; 6d., purple-brown.

The imitations of these stamps are very good, being perforated like the genuine, and the colours and postmark exact. The background, however, is of a larger pattern, and the letters are larger than in the genuine Stamps.

THE POST OFFICE REVENUE AND THE PENNY POSTAGE SYSTEM.—A return relative to revenue, cost of management, &c., of the Post Office has been issued. It extends over a period of thirty years, and possesses considerable interest, as showing the progress of the establishment in that period. The gross revenue each year, since 1838 (inclusive) was as follows:—

Year ending January,			
1838,	£2,339,737	1852.	£2,422,168
1839,	2,346,278	1853,	2,434,326
1840,	2,390,763	1854,	2,574,407
1841,	1,359,468	1855,	2,716,920
1842,	1,499,418	1856,	2,867,954
1843,	1,578,145	1857,	3,035,713
1844,	1,620,867	1858,	3,087,535
1845,	1,705,067	1857,	3,313,675
1846,	1,837,576	1860,	3,389,355
1847,	1,963,857	1861,	3,530,557
1848,	2,211,016	1862,	3,633,589
1849,	2,143,679	1863,	3,874,299
1850,	2,165,349	1864,	4,109,026
1851,	2,264,684	1865,	4,299,199

With respect to these figures it should be observed that the old high rates of postage prevailed in the first three years, and that the great fall in the amount of revenue indicated in the fourth and following years resulted from the introduction of the "penny postage" scheme. The gross postal revenue did not recover the reduction for 11 years, and up to 1852 the gross annual receipts were below those of 1840 and some previous years.—*English paper.*

The annual Post Office reports for Victoria, Australia, has been issued. There are 525 Post Offices in the colony, being an increase of 200 in five years. The total number of letters received and despatched in 1862 was 6,276,000; in 1865, 7,485,000. The number of newspapers posted in 1862 was 4,909,000; in 1865, 6,037,529.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. M. Fton., N. B. You will greatly oblige us by writing as soon as you can.

R. A., Nassau St., New York. Your advertisement is declined.

G. L. P., Milwaukee, Wis. We do not know whether it would be in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Mail to enclose stamps in a newspaper. Will some of our United States subscribers inform us whether it is lawful or unlawful to do so? We know of no law on the subject.

F. M. S., Newbury, Vt. An answer to our letter of the 19th of March last is requested at once.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER, 1866.

In order to make room for a quantity of miscellaneous matter which has accumulated upon our hands, our usual editorial is this month omitted.

STAMPED ENVELOPES FOR BUSINESS MEN.

—The Postmaster General of the United States has recently issued instructions making provisions for the printing of business cards on envelopes in any desired form or design, with requests to return letters—provided that not less than five hundred envelopes are ordered, and the persons wanting them furnish the cuts or plates prepared for the press, from which to have the printing done. The price will be \$32.80 per thousand or \$3.28 per hundred and in this proportion for smaller quantities. Many of the letters returned to the Dead Letter Office show the fact not generally known, that Revenue Stamps are not recognized for postage. Stamped envelopes will on this account, serve to render more certain the conveyance of letters.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of our enterprising friend Mr. A. D. Robertson, who, it will be observed, has postponed his Gift Enterprise until Nov. 25th, when in conjunction with the prizes already announced ten others will be given away. Mr. R., we understand, has been induced to postpone his drawing and add new prizes in consequence of the large number of orders for tickets he is daily receiving, and to give his Californian Agent time to make his returns. Stamp Collectors should not lose this opportunity to increase their collections.

"MERRYMAN'S MONTHLY" is the title of the greatest comic paper issued in the United States. Every page (some 30) is loaded with scintillant wit and humor, the perusal of which causeth the risibles to be tickled "muchly." Not the least interesting feature is the Prize Puzzle for correct solution of which \$20.00 in cash is

each month distributed among the winners. "Oursanctum" consists of some cleverly written letters by the members of Mr Merryman's brigade, which seem to attract a good deal of interest. Terms \$1.25 per annum, address J. C. Haney, 109 Nassau St., New York.

We have received the first number of "Merry and Wise" published in New York. It is small, but very neatly got up. See Advt.

Attention is directed to Hinsdale and Co's., Advt.

Newly Issued Stamps.



We have in this impression of the *Gazette* very few novelties to notice; but this is not to be wondered at considering the very full account we furnished to our readers last month. We expect the late war in Europe will make changes innumerable among the small German principalities, and will cause their present and old issues

to become very rare and soon unattainable. Now is the time for collectors to complete their sets.

If the cost were not too high we would ask our delegates now in England, (through the Atlantic Cable), whether they have made any arrangements concerning the Postage Stamps to be used when the union of the Maritime Provinces takes place.

The designs must be handsome and elaborate.



We are prepared to receive essays for transmission to Government house, and beg to remind engravers that none but experienced hands need apply. Great care of course will be exercised in making the selection. Any essays having the profile of the Hon. A. H. Gordon, our late Governor, will be at once rejected; so, none "sich" need be sent us. Our illustrations are those two of the new Brazilian Stamp the 200 reis black, and 500 reis orange, a description of which and also of the whole set appeared in last month's *Gazette*. Every one is aware that the portrait on the 500 reis is that of the Emperor—and a good one it is too—but many have doubts about the figure on the 200 reis. Some say it is His Majesty, and others aver that it is not. We are inclined to think that both of the likenesses represent the Emperor; how far we are astray on this point will be known hereafter.

PORTUGAL.—The 120 r. which we described in our last, was but the *Knight Courant* of of a new set for this Kingdom, which, when all issued, will comprise the following denominations, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 80, 100, 120, and 240 reis.

The new Saxony envelopes (FELD POST) instead of having been issued for the soldiers was intended for the civilians.

BELGIUM.—The new 5c is out. The One Centime, owing to an accident having befallen the perforating machine, is issued now devoid of perforation—a change is spoken of as likely to affect the 10c.

ECUADOR.—A miserably engraved stamp, coarse and jagged in appearance, value 4 reales, and of a pale red colour, has been issued for this Republic. The design in the centre is an oval containing the eagles and arms of the country. A band at top has CORREOS ECUADOR, value below in words, turned corners, rectangular, not perforated, "*Sticky Stuff*" on the back. This Stamp in some respects resembles the current Mexican; but is not so well looking as the latter.

NEW GRENADA.—The 1 cent carmine is now printed in vermillion.

SPAIN.—It having reached the ears of the Spanish Government that the 20c *d'escudo* issued last January were being counterfeited to a large extent, a new stamp has come out, value 20 centesimos, colour lilac, printed in colour on white paper, and denticulated. Similar in every respect to the issue of 1864, only 1866 is substituted, and the value changed from *cuartos* to *centimos* or *centesimos*.

MEXICO.—A new stamp for this tottering empire has appeared bearing the profile of His Majesty, Maximilian, to the left in an oval—inscription IMPERIO MEXICAN CORREOS 13c. goes round the oval—the value is also shown twice in figures. Colour blue and rectangular.

EAST INDIA.—From an exchange we learn that a 6 annas postage stamp has been made by cutting a 6 anna Revenue Stamp to the size of a postage stamp, and the word *postage* printed on it in green ink.

Postal Chit-Chat.

The following is a comparative statement of Money Order transactions during the month of September, in the years 1865 and 1866:—

	Orders drawn.	Orders paid.
1865.	\$1,373.27.	\$11,409.40.
1866.	2,084.52.	15,724.98.

Among a batch of letters forwarded one morning from the country to Turin, was an odd looking missive bearing the following address—"For my son, who walks every day under the porticoes of Turin in a black coat." With much laughter the letter was taken to the head clerk of the department, who merely said—"Take care of it until something turns up." The strange letter lay for sometime, until a queer, old fashioned youth came to the office and asked, "Is anything for me from my papa?"

the clerk immediately gave him this queerly addressed letter, "For my son," when in great delight "the son" exclaimed, "Here is Papa's letter it has been so long coming; I thought I should never get it."

UNCLE SAM receives some queer notes.—Among them we quote a report made by a postmaster of F—, Illinois:

To the

President of the Great Union,

Whitehouse Washington D. C.

F—Co ill. July 9 1857.

Mr. James Buckanin president of the United States Dear sir Been required by the instructions of the post office to report quarterly I know herewith foolfil that pleasin dooty by reportin as follows: The harvestin has been going on peerty and most of the nabors have got their cuttin about dun wheat is hardly a average crop on rollin lands corn is yallerish and wont turn out morn ten or fifteen booshels to the aker the helth of the community is only tolerable meesils & cholery have brok out about 2 and half miles from here thair is a powerful awakenin on the subjec of religun in the potts naborhood miss nancy smith a neer nabor had twins day before yesterday one of them is a poor seraggy thing and wont liv half its day this is about all i have to report the present quarter giv my respects to mrs Buckanin and subscribe myself

yoors trooly.

Alijah Jenkins

p. m. at F— co ill.

A few years ago a postmaster was appointed in Clinton, Penn., who was a gentleman of the "Old School." Entering upon the new duties of the situation, he for a time filled the office with dignity, and to all appearance with satisfaction. One day a large number of persons being in the office, a man called for a letter, the initial of the last name being M. Whereupon the worthy postmaster took down a large number of letters, and looking them over said that there was no letter there, adding that all of the letters nearly were for Mr. P. M., and that he wished he would call and get them; 'for,' said he, 'I don't know what to do with them. I have lived in Canton for twenty-five years, and I never heard of a man by the name of P. M. yet!' The roar that followed gave the P. M. an idea that there was something wrong.—*Corning Star*.

A letter was dropped in the Post-office the other day, and addressed as follows:

Hill

A.

Massachusetts.

After a good deal of study one of the clerks managed to make out that it was intended for "A. Underhill, Andover, Massachusetts." Does the reader see the point?—*Ibid*.

The Zanesville (Ohio) *Courier* gives the following account of a discovery made at the Zanesville Post Office:—

A BIRD IN A MAIL BAG.—This morning, when Mr. W. Reed, Chief Clerk in the Post Office, emptied the mail bag for this city from Philadelphia, Pa., out flew a small young bird of the sap-sucker species, scarcely old enough to fly. After some little trouble the bird was secured, and on examination it was found that the only damage it had received from its incarceration in the United States mail bag from Philadelphia to this city was a small bruise on one of its wings. It seemed to be a little stupid from its long fast. How it could have escaped death when enclosed among the mail matter with which the bag was filled is marvellous; and how it came in the sack is equally a mystery. Yesterday morning, from a mail bag from the same city, when opened, out jumped a little mouse, healthy and sound, which soon took up quarters in the building, apparently well satisfied with the change. We will soon expect to hear of some of the clerks in the Philadelphia Post office coming through the same way.

Mr. Reed designs taking the greatest care of his little sap-sucker.

CURIOUS LETTER SUPERScription.

Bundle away to Beverly Mass,
And seek that radical rascal—
A glorious fellow you'll find him, too—
And his name is Garrie Haskell.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.—The New Haven *Register* says that one afternoon during the recent "heated term," a gentleman on Church street taking compassion on the hard working clerks of the Post Office, suggested to them that a pitcher of lemonade or something of that sort would not be amiss, and like sensible fellows as they are, they cordially assented. Accordingly Austin Alling was commissioned to concoct the beverage, and it was done in Kitty's artistic style. A dusky son of the South was commissioned to place the vessel within reach of the thirsty throats so anxiously expecting its arrival, and about that time, Mr. Mailhouse, the well known dispenser of toys, etc., received what he regarded as a very generous gift from an unknown patron, and with a few lucky friends proceeded to "punish it" without ceremony, but with many benisons on the head of the generous unknown. In the mean time a search had been instituted for the missing pitcher, and as a last resort the colored gentleman was called up to give an account of himself.

"Where did you take that pitcher?"

"Took it to the mail-house, sah?"

"What the——did you take it to the mail-house for?"

"Why, sah, down souf, we always call the Post Offis de Mail-house. Same ting, sah?"

PRIZE ENIGMA.

Our Enigma last month baffled the wits of our readers considerably—not one succeeded in solving it. Even Edipus—the three cent chap—who reckons himself the *cutest* Enigmatist out,—who advertises that he will solve any enigma,—who usually publishes (about the month after) in a sickly sheet, the answer to that Enigma which has appeared in the *Gazette* the month previous, failed to *do* the enigma this time. In fact it seems to be un-do-able. But that our readers will have one more chance, we republish it offering in addition to prizes named in our last issue, the *Gazette* for one year for the first correct answer we receive.

I consist of 94 letters.

My 22, 71, 6, 83, 87, 47, 40, 1, 76, 36, 65, 27, 89, 68, 41, 78, 46, 26, 11, 82, 18, 59, 56, 62, 77, is the inscription on a European Stamp.

" 80, 41, 59, 46, 39, 77, 38, 4, 28, 86, 36, 90, 94, 31, 64, 81, 85, 61, 13, 19 45, inscription on an American Stamp.

" 37, 56, 91, 67, 20, 9, 10, 15, 25, 29, 35, 44, 49 63, 38, 24, 12, 8, 30, inscription on an African Stamp.

" 48, 92, 3, 51 66, 88, 74, 36, 27, 57, 73, 34, 60, 20, 5, 42, 52, 62, 90, inscription on an Oceanic Stamp.

" 65, 81, 75, 35, 2, 53, 8, 54, 78, 86, 92, 21 14, inscription on a newly issued Stamp.

" 17, 91, 33, 85, 7, 57, 19, 84, 89, 74, 37, 52, is the value of a European Stamp.

" 9, 70, 43, 25, 51, 46, 21, 65, 56, 16, 90, 91, 28, was a postal publication.

" 77, 23, 51, 32, 15, 69, 64, 20, 6, 79, 86, 80, 50, 56, 8, 11, 64, 41, 91, 25, 29, 55, 92, 77, is a Foreign Stamp dealer.

" 2, 12, 90, 42, 41, 62, 72, 92, 67, 49, 5, 77, 13, 93, 56, 57, 58, 25, 3, 4, 9, 76, 56, 78, 58, are three countries employing Stamps.

My whole are Stamp publications.

S.

(Answer in our next).

The first prize for Enigma in this number is LaGuaira 3c.; 2nd, Greece 80 lepta; 3rd, New-Grenada 1c.; 4th, Portugal, 5 reis.—All unused.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Ddaaeiittsrrobp on a Postage Stamp.

2. Prrcaefmni on a Postage Stamp.

(Answer next month).

Answers to Transpositions in our last. 1. *Pens, ink, and paper.* 2. *Hanover ein groschen.* Prizes awarded to G. L. P. Milwaukee, and L. R. S. Hamilton, (for No 1). R. A. A., Montreal (for No 2).

We will give for first correct solution of No 1. in this number a 3 ore Sweden, 2nd, 10c France, 3d 1c. Belgium. For No 2. 1st Brunswick ½ black 2nd Mecklenburg ½ 3rd, 3c United States Envelope—all unused and truly genuine.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!**ON THE 25th DAY OF DECEMBER.****A. D. ROBERTSON'S GRAND POSTAGE STAMP DISTRIBUTION.****ON THE 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER.**

Result of drawing will be in Gazette for Dec., to which time it is postponed, as the subscriber has got to hear from the majority of his agents, and has a few tickets yet to dispose of. As it shall positively take place then, persons wishing tickets would do well to order at once. In order to make it more attractive the subscriber has been induced to make an addition of 10 more prizes, such as would interest dealers somewhat, viz.

LIST OF PRIZES.

- PRIZE A.—5,000 Colonial Stamps,—assorted,—present issues—mixed values.
 PRIZE B.—2,000 Colonial Stamps do do do
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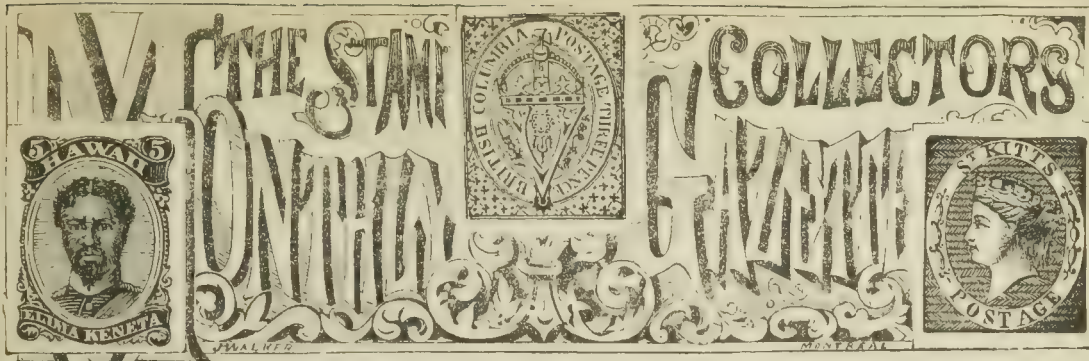
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LOST!

BY WAIP.

CHAPTER VIII.

Several days had passed away before Guy found an opportunity of speaking to Miss King concerning her *Connell*; but they were halcyon days indeed. He had arrived at his "Mecca" at last, and found an Eden instead of a tomb. There was something in the young girl's manner, which, though he could not quite understand it, was like sunshine creeping into a darkened room, and the buds of hope that he had been unconsciously cherishing were fast bursting into bloom. This bloom might be tainted like the deadly upas as most of hope's blossoms are; but Guy drank their fragrance without a question. He should have remembered the story of the Sicilian Sirens, and taken warning; but no, the incantation was too strong—the refrain too sweet. Let him listen even though his bark is stranded in the end.

The travelling party had resumed its journey, with Mr. Frost and his pupil added to the number. As they were resting at one of those small Italian towns, where nature has done so much, and science so little, Guy joined Miss King on a vine-wreathed colonade; and after a few preliminary observations, said:—

"I think, Miss King, that you were surprised, and perhaps annoyed at my inquiring your name from Mrs. Peppers. I have been anxious ever since to apologise; though, I must say, I had an object in view above mere curiosity."

"There is no occasion for an apology, Mr. Sinclair," replied the young lady indifferently. "the very fact of the dear, old lady's blundering it out before your face was retaliation enough, were I inclined to exact my uttermost due. With your permission, then, we will consider the subject settled forever."

"You are very kind," said Guy, gallantly, "but I must beg your forbearance a moment

longer. I have something in my possession that I think must belong to you; and one reason why I asked your name was that I might return it."

"Something belonging to *me*, Mr. Sinclair!" exclaimed Miss King in genuine amazement.

Although apprised by Ellis Blair, that Guy Sinclair had found her *Connell*, Harriet had at this moment quite forgotten it.

She possessed, in a remarkable degree, all those subtle instincts that attended the young so faithfully; through their agency she had understood at once that she was not quite a stranger to the young student. But no mental scrutiny had elicited an answer to her question, "where have we met?"

The moment she encountered his glance in her promenade, she felt that the question, which had grown to be a torment, was about to be elucidated; believing that Guy did not know her as Miss Percy, of course she could have no idea that he would mention the Stamp; hence her momentary forgetfulness about it.

While speaking, Guy had taken the *Connell* from his portmonie and handed it to her saying,—

"It is yours, is it not Miss King?"

Harriet drew back, while returning memory brought a tell-tale glow into her cheeks. She answered evasively, "mine, Mr. Sinclair? How can it possibly be mine? Why it is a New Brunswick *Connell* as sure as can be. Do you think it is genuine? And all the girl's finesse returned as she looked up into her companion's perplexed face. "You have not answered *my* question yet, Miss King," said Guy very gravely,— "is this Stamp yours?"

"You ought to have been an Inquisitor, Mr. Sinclair," retorted Hattie with assumed petulance, "I do believe that you have been in some of those mysterious councils that one reads about when they are not in Italy. I declare that *Connell* looks like a thumbscrew, or some other horrible instrument of torture, already."

"It may prove one to me," said Guy, seriously.

"I don't understand you, Mr. Sinclair," replied Hattie, gently.

She saw that some deeper motive than a de-

sire to return the Stamp was implied in the young man's manner.

"It is easily explained," was the answer. "I found the Stamp and lost my heart at the same time. What could an instrument of torture effect more than that?"

"Oh, is that all? Why hearts are much oftener lost than *Connell* Stamps found, I should imagine."

Harriet laughed. It was a very pleasant laugh, generally,—so, at least Guy thought—but this time there was a sound like "jingling bells" about it that was worse than a thumb-screw.

"But," she continued, "you have not explained this affair to my satisfaction yet. I can't understand how finding a Stamp could cause so great a loss as one's heart; neither why you imagine it mine."

"I imagine it yours, because I saw you drop it, or rather, I saw it flutter out from your dress, in Broadway, New York, and immediately picked it up. As to your first enquiry: any one who has been so happy as to see Miss King can understand my love better than I can explain it."

"Ah," said Harriet, smilingly, "I see you have been at Court as well as the Inquisition. Do you know Ellis Blair, Mr. Sinclair?"

"Yes; certainly I do."

"Well, I heard through him that Miss Percy had lost and advertised a *Connell* Stamp, and that you had found it."

"Yes; I know Ellis thinks so. I thought so too, till I met you at the inn, I knew at once that the *Connell* belonged to you. Will you take it?"

"No," said Harriet, quickly; "I have good reason to believe that it really does belong to Miss Percy."

"But," remonstrated Guy, "I saw you drop it."

"You may be mistaken," urged the lady; "it is a long time ago, and memory is sometimes deceitful."

"It is impossible for my memory to have betrayed me, even though a life time had passed," answered Guy, earnestly. "There is only one way in which I can solve this difficulty. The wind may have lodged it among your laces; but I am positive that this stamp I now hold, came from your dress into my hands."

"Are you acquainted with Miss Percy, Mr. Sinclair?" asked Harriet, timidly.

"No, Miss King," replied Guy, frigidly; but I had another reason for asking your name. May I tell you what it was?"

"Yes," replied the young girl, softly; "I suppose there can be no objection to your telling me."

"It was because I have loved you deeply since that day I found the Stamp," pleaded the young man. "I have been so isolated all my life—I knew little but what I had learned from books. I had been annoyed by some informa-

tion received that morning, and felt rebellious and miserable,—I hated myself, and all the world. Then you came before my eyes, looking so free and happy, with a gentleman beside you, who hung upon your words in a way that was maddening to a recluse like myself. This stamp came fluttering towards me as you passed; since then it has been my dearest treasure, I have worshipped it because it was the only link that bound me to you. Then I heard, when in Paris, that Miss Percy had lost a *Connell* on that day, and that she was on the Continent. Of course I thought you one and have looked for her everywhere, till now, when my second year has nearly passed, I find how mistaken I have been. Words seem powerless, now, when I wish to convey so much. Can you not encourage me a little, my dear girl?"

"I might encourage you, I dare say," said Hattie, gently, "if it is quite right. You are everything a girl could wish for in a lover; and what goes a great way with people generally, is the only and beloved child of a rich man."

"No, no," exclaimed Guy, warmly, "not beloved; do not say that. I never knew neither sister nor brother, and I have been a stranger to my father all my life. Did not I say I was isolated?"

"Oh, how cruel!" cried Hattie; "you should have been all the world to him—and he seems so good and gentle too."

"Ah! you know my father, then," exclaimed Guy in surprise.

"Of course,—that is, I have seen him several times, and I quite fell in love with him, which is no wonder, I suppose, since he knew my parents, and is my guardian besides. I have been an orphan most of my life."

Her pretty, bright lips grew tremulous, and a tear, which Guy's sad story had brought into her eyes, gathered strength, and sparkled downward till it met the floor.

"But you had other friends to love you," suggested Guy, sympathetically.

"Certainly I had," replied Hattie, naively; but you see I am not at all like you. I was a regular romp; and I took everything into my heart, from the kitten to the old blind gardener. That makes every difference in the world—folks had to love me whether they would or not."

"If you had only taken me in among the rest," murmured Guy, regretfully. "But is it too late now?"

"Oh no, not at all too late—only I can never think of caring the least about you, if it is not honorable every way."

"Why should it be dishonorable?" inquired Guy, flushing up quickly.

"I could tell you in a minute, if I thought it would not vex you again. I hope you believe I did not intend to do it before."

"I am quite satisfied about that," said Guy, as he leaned heavily against a pillar. "Tell me what you had to say, will you, please?"

Harriet looked up quickly and was terrified to see how white his face had grown.

"Why don't you speak?" he asked in a low tone.

"Because you frighten me so," she replied vehemently. Guy Sinclair, you need never think of wanting me to be more to you than I am now, for everything I say causes you pain."

"Nothing causes me pain, dear girl, but the thought of a separation from you. Why is it wrong for you to love me?"

Harriet's lashes drooped low as she said disjunctly:—

"I have heard something about an engagement between yourself and another,—the young lady who owns the *Connell*—and if that is correct, is it right for you to address me?"

"The engagement you refer to, is a myth," said Guy, indignantly. "Miss Percy will not ratify it, neither will I."

"Still I can never come between you and another," Hattie replied in genuine sorrow, for her tender heart revolted at the pain she was inflicting; and she would gladly have acknowledged her ruse, and avowed herself the girl he had repudiated.

"Believe me," expostulated the young man, "that the Antipodes are not farther apart than Miss Percy and I."

"Does not your father hold your engagement good?"

"Yes," said Guy, truthfully; "but you seem to forget that this is a personal matter."

"And the young lady—what does she say about it?"

"I don't know—I have never seen her—I never wish to see her. Oh Hattie, what is Miss Percy to you and me?"

"Well," reflected Miss King, "if Miss Percy rejects you, then it is time enough for you to speak to me."

"She never will reject me," exclaimed Guy, "she never will have the opportunity. I tell you I detest her."

"Miss Percy will be in New York in November—for I know her very well—and I am going to tell you Guy Sinclair, that if you look as cross as you do now, she would turn you out of doors if she had the chance."

Guy was astonished. "You know a great many people, don't you?"

"To be sure I do," she said gaily; "why should not I? I have not been under Mr. Frost's care all my life. I know next to nothing about Latin, and no Greek at all, or Hebrew either: while you—well, I should not be surprised if you had been to Hindostan after the very earliest edition of sanscript."

"You are a great deal wiser than I am," remarked Guy, admiringly.

"I should hope so, indeed," said his tormentor with a merry laugh.

Here the conversation was interrupted, just in time to finish this chapter.

(To be concluded.)

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

SWITZERLAND.

1850. Orts Post. Rect. 2½ rappen, white (red shield).

FORGERY, No. 1.

GENUINE.

The Stamp is on perfectly white paper. The black wavy line in the right hand top corner, touches the black line over 'Orts Post' just above the letter 'T.'

FORGED.

The Stamp is on *blue-ish tinged*, rather *dirty* paper. It touches the black line over 'Orts Post,' between 'S' and 'T.'

FORGERY, No. 2.

GENUINE.

The Post Horn is very slightly shaded. The black curved line in the right hand top corner, is divided, and its two ends are curved. The two ends are thin. On unglazed paper.

FORGED.

The Post Horn is very *strongly shaded*.

The two ends of the curved line, are pointed, The two ends are thick. On slightly *glazed* paper.

1850. Post Locale. Rect. 2¼ rappen, white, (red shield).

FORGERY, No. 1.

GENUINE.

Under '2½' and 'Rp.' is a small curved black line. The line enclosing the white scroll, does not touch the border of the stamp. Black line in the left hand top corner, does not touch the border of the stamp.

FORGED.

There is no line under '2½' and 'Rp.'

It *touches* the left hand border of the stamp.

Black line *touches* the border of the stamp.

FORGERY, No. 2.

GENUINE.

On unglazed paper.

The right and left end of the post-horn are on a level. The post horn is very slightly shaded.

FORGED.

On slightly *glazed* paper.

The right end of the post horn is *higher* in level than the left end. The post horn is very *much* shaded.

GENEVA.

The Swiss forgeries (which have had the most extensive circulation of all) present peculiar difficulties to the collector, as being so exact.

Four out of the six Geneva Stamps have been

forged. In the five c., port local, the rarest of them, in the forgery the rays are very unequal, extending more to the right hand than to the left, and the top feather of the eagle's wing is curved to the left, and the foot of the eagle does not touch it; whereas in the genuine the wing is curved upwards, and the foot touches it.

DOUBLE STAMP.

10 c., Cantonal Oblong. Composed of two 5c., port local.

Until recently this Stamp has been supposed to be imaginary. The doubt of its authenticity has however been effectually cleared up.

GENUINE.

The 'L' of 'Port Local' touches the bottom of the shield.

FORGED.

The 'L' of 'Port Local' does not touch the bottom of the shield.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Nix, *Montreal, C. E.*—It was through an oversight on our part that your letter and contents were not acknowledged sooner. All was correct therein.

RAPHAEL H., *Algiers*. The postage from Algiers to New Brunswick, is, we believe, 80 centimes, and not 20, as you put on your letter. Send us 2 fr. and 50 c. in *unused* French Stamps, and we will send the Gazette for one year. Your letter cost us 1 fr. 30 c., which you can also send.

G. L., *New York*.—1. On the first of every month generally, but sometimes a little later. 2. You can ascertain by looking over our advertising columns. 3. Stamps enclosed all right,—thanks. 4. We have none at present.

We should like to hear from W. E. B., Philadelphia A. W. K., Fredonia, N. Y., and G. W., N. Y.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER, 1866.

Now that the Atlantic Cable has been successfully laid, and the Confederation of British America nearly completed, we hope that the time is not far distant when the Postal arrangements of our own and neighbouring provinces will be revised and modified in accordance with the progressive spirit of the age. Our Postal rates are liberal and low compared to what they were in olden times, but much yet remains to be done to meet the growing wants of the people. Compared with Great Britain and the United States, Colonial postage is high and the means of communication far from being as prompt and perfect as it might be. The Penny Postage of the Mother Country marks an era in the interchange of thought. It was one of the greatest reforms of the age, and has been productive of beneficial results to every class in society. While the penny postage of Britain is known and admired by the intelligent of the civilized world, the 3 cent postage of our neighbours across the lines is not less worthy of commendation and imitation. While in Britain a letter is carried from Land's End to John O'Groat's

for one penny, in the United States a letter of similar weight is conveyed with despatch from Calais to San Francisco for 3 cents. Compared with these rates our postage is extremely high. For instance from St. John N. B. to St. John's Newfoundland it is 14 cents, while from this to Great Britain it is 12½ cents, and from here to any village, town or city in the province 5 cents; and from St. Stephen to Calais 10 cents. Then again while a letter is brought from Sarnia to St. John for 5 cents, if dropped in the Post Office and carried from there to the next house it costs 2 for postage and 2 for delivery. We do not think it would be wise to return to the old system of rating by distance. Such sliding scales are cumbrous, intricate, difficult to work, and always unsatisfactory. The sooner obstacles placed in the way of a free interchange of thought whether in regard to domestic relations, friendship, or business, the better it will be for the people generally, free intercourse awakens and cultivates kindly feeling—facilitates business and is an unmistakable sign of unbounded intelligence, enterprise and civilization. We would like therefore to see our postal system assimilated to that of the Mother Country—with free delivery and a uniform rate of say 2 cents without regard to distance but limited of course to the present half ounce weight. A change of this kind would no doubt be universally satisfactory, and a happy inauguration of Confederation. With a change of the sort suggested there would be a decrease in the revenue accruing from this department of the public service, but it would not be continuous. The experience of other places shows that the quickening impetus given to letter writing makes more than amends for the apparent loss the ratio of increase in letters being greater than the reduction in rate. When Sir Rowland Hill first mooted his penny postage measure he was derided by almost everybody, and had to battle with almost every form of obloquy and opposition. With an unwavering faith and invincible resolution, he persevered and finally overcame the jeers and prejudices of his countrymen. The "dream of his boyhood" was realized: and his countrymen have now for many years enjoyed the blessings of cheap postage, yet the evil forbodings of the timid and time serving have not come to pass. The Post Office department in the Mother Country is now more popular and useful as well as more remunerative than ever before—even in the palmiest days of high postage and franking. We hope that the time is near when a similar change will be made in regard to letters in British America, and when the ocean and foreign postage, which in many cases is now so heavy, will be reduced to not more than half its present rate. We earnestly believe were this so, for one letter now carried from one part of British America to another or thence to the United States or Great Britain, ten would be mailed giving a much larger yearly revenue than can ever be realized under the present system. Had we the power we would go even farther than what has been suggested

for we would reduce the ocean postage to a penny and thus give the poor and rich alike unrestricted opportunity of communicating with those they love, no matter where or how distant their homes.

There is yet another change we hope to see effected when our new Parliament meets in Ottawa. In Canada and Newfoundland newspaper postage is levied. The amount may be small, but it should not be. Knowledge like air should be allowed to circulate freely and no artificial barriers should be set up to check its dissemination or retard its progress among the masses that form the substratum and support of society. The more freely newspapers and similar periodicals are circulated by mail the more intelligent, contented, and happy will our people become. New Brunswick in this respect has shown her wisdom, and we hope that the time will soon come when the example she has thus worthily set will be followed unanimously throughout the broad continent of America. The press is the great educator of the people and if it is politic and wise in states to take charge of the education of youth, it is no less proper and prudent that the teachings of the press should be free and untrammelled. To tax newspapers is to tax education, retard and limit its progress, and inflict on society a grievous wrong.

How dreadfully kind some men are. The other day a small paper reached our office inside of which was this notice marked :—

"All papers giving us a short notice, and sending a marked copy, will receive one in return at our usual rates."

The above rather forcibly reminds us of the sage young gentleman who pleasingly enquired of his Grandmother if she liked candy, and upon being replied to in the affirmative, serenely remarked that if she would enrich his purse with a few cents he would purchase a little of that saccharine substance and cause her to receive a part thereof. The simile is we think perfect. If we review our friend's periodical he will do the same for us—provided we pay him for it. Our modesty forbids our accepting this most magnanimous offer, and our love of justice and fair play will not permit us to take advantage of any one. We would like to see a phrenological chart of the cranium of the young man who penned the observations above; his bump of generosity must be prodigious.

The best organ of that most mysterious body, the Freemasons, we have seen, is the NATIONAL FREEMASON, of New York. It is a large 16 paged weekly, well filled with choice reading-matter is handsomely printed on fine clear paper, and should be in the hands of every member of the Craft. The terms are only \$4.00 a year in advance. Address Ezra L. Stevens, Box 5903 New York City.

A careful perusal of Mr. J. A. Nutter's Advertisement, in another column, is requested.

Next month the serial story "Lost" which was written expressly for our columns, will be concluded; and we have much pleasure in stating, that, on the first of January next, a new and very interesting tale, which shall run through several numbers of the *Gazette*, from the pen of a gifted lady writer, will be commenced. We have on hand a few back numbers containing "Lost," which can be had by applying early. We would also direct the attention of our readers to the instructive and interesting paper on PHILATELIE IN EUROPE, by Mr. J. C. Walters,—a new contributor—in another column, which will be continued several months.

Several items unavoidably held over this No. will appear in our next issue.

Owing to an accident having befallen the press from which the *Gazette* is printed we have had to delay the issue of our paper several days,

In New Brunswick the first issue of Postage Stamps took place in 1851 and the second (with the exception of the two cents), in 1861. In most catalogues 1862 is the date given, but this is an error.

Newly Issued Stamps.

The Fenian liberators of Ireland are beginning



to think, we imagine, that their chances of raising an Irish Republic on this quarter of the universe are rather slim. Col. Lynch and his associates who were captured during the recent raid in Canada have been tried, convicted, and sentenced to pay the penalty of their mad folly with their lives. What appears most puzzling to us is that they do not wish to die, they have no desire to allow their illustrious names to be handed down to posterity as martyrs who died for their country. Strange to say they would rather live, robbing and murdering an innocent and unoffending people, than walk majestically to the scaffold and die for committing those deeds which they seem to think so noble and glorious. The most sanguine philatelist who really thought that Fenian stamps would be issued some day has had undoubtedly his mind freed from that thought long ago. But leaving the Fenians to prepare to meet their doom, we will proceed to more agreeable topics. The large and not very handsome engraving above represents the 6 annas Stamp of the East Indies, described in our last impression. The colour is a pale lilac similar to the 3d Ceylon. A new Stamp of an entirely different type has been issued for East India also,—the value is 4 annas and the colour green.

TRINIDAD.—Two new Stamps, 1 shilling purple and 4d. blue have appeared.

RUSSIA.—The 30 kop Envelope formerly pink is now bright red.

URUGUAY.—Some months ago we informed our readers of the contemplated issue of Envelope Stamps for Montevideo. One of the series (the 5c.) has been kindly sent us by a friend in London. In nearly every respect it closely resembles the present 5c. adhesive, except that it is circular instead of rectangular. A few other differences are perceptible but almost too trifling for enumeration. The colours of the envelopes are also identical with the adhesives being 5c. blue, 10c. green, 15c. yellow, and 20c. rose. The 10c. adhesive is now perforated and it is to be hoped its *confreres* will be dealt with in the same manner soon.

MEXICO.—A Correspondent in a *Post-script* mentions the fact that he has seen three new Stamps of this unfortunate empire, and thus describes them:—"Head of King to the left in an oval border, IMPERIO MEXICANO at top, CORREOS below, value in figures at sides. The stamps are lithographed, printed in color, on white paper, and unperforated. The colors are 7 cents *brown*, 25 cents, *orange*, and 50 cents *green*."

LUBECK.—Mons. J. B. Moens the great European Stamp authority has in his possession two of the first issue of this State, $\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ sch. printed on starred paper, the existence of which was not generally known before.

MOLDO WALLACHIA.—Three new postals, design head of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern to the left in an oval within a rectangular frame, POSTA ROMANA at top, value below in letters, figure denoting value in four corners. The *Gazette* for July last, had an engraving of the 5 par, but the head was turned the other way, whether our engraving was taken from an essay or whether this last set which we have just described is a separate issue, it does not lie in our power to say at present; we received the Stamp from which our illustration was made from a highly honorable gentleman.

DANUBIAN COMPANY.—It is rumoured that a new Stamp for this company has been issued, value 10 soldi, lilac, similar to 17 soldi previously described in the *Gazette*.

FRANCE.—Two new Stamps are expected, 30c. and 5 francs.

ST. VINCENT.—A 1 Shilling label, colour purple black has just made its appearance for this Island, and also a 4d. blue identical in design with the 1d. and 6d. which have been the only representations of this Island since the introduction of Stamps.

NEW GRENADA.—The 5 cent stamp is now printed in lemon chrome yellow.

FIELD POST.—These envelopes will soon become quite popular with the Germans. Prussia and Oldenburg have commenced their use.

MECKLENBURG SCHWERIN.—A new adhesive envelope just issued, 2 sch, violet.

Postal Chat-Chat.

MONEY ORDERS.—The following is a comparative statement of Money Order transactions at the Post Office, St. John, in the years 1865 and 1866.

	Paid	Drawn
October, 1865—	\$13741.48	\$1244.71
1866—	20659.14	1512.80

During the quarter ending Oct. 31, 1865, drawn \$4917.04; 1866, \$4878.57; paid during quarter ending Oct. 31, 1865, \$39915.39; during same period, 1866, \$53601.52.

The weight of the Mails passing through the New York Post Office daily is about twenty-five tons.

Four millions of dollars were transmitted through the United States Mails by postal money orders during the last fiscal year, as against one million three hundred thousand the year before.

On the 1st October the whole of the Hanoverian Stamps, retired from the postal service, and those of Prussia replaced them. We may also state that those of Schleswig and Holstein, and also the Venetian series will be superseded by those of Prussia; this is in consequence of the late War which gave to Prussia such an extension of territory.—*Collector's Circular*.

In the *New York Journal of Commerce* of Oct 5th 1866 is an article of nearly a column in length on Stamp Collecting. In the course of which the writer says:

"The collection of Postage Stamps, however, finds its justification in reasons, perhaps, quite as good as those assigned in any other line. With few exceptions the collection of these is pursued by the youth of both sexes. There are now upward of ten thousand boys and girls busily engaged in this business, and could a comparison be made between these and an equal number of other children in the same condition of life, it would be found that the knowledge of geography of nations, governments, style and value of money, &c., &c., preserved by the collectors, considerably exceeded that of the others. Not that all pursue this subject with this intention, or for this knowledge. Many only follow their inclination; but the habit of collecting and arranging the Stamps under each appropriate head familiarizes their minds with the geographical position of those countries represented by the Stamps. In fact the Postage Stamp takes the place of the blocks and puzzles so familiar to former generations."

HIGHLANDERS LETTER POSTING.—Queer scenes are to be seen at the post-office at Wick, especially on Saturday evenings, when hundreds of letters are posted by the Highland fisherman. When the penny postage was first established, our then worthy postmaster, Mr. Craig, had many a hard night's work among the Highlanders, who illustrated their priggish character by endeavouring to beat down the postage to a half-penny, alleging that the letter was a little one, and that the Highland post-master never charged more than a half-penny. From the out stations beyond the daily delivery they would come, and while one would ask if there was a letter for him, he would answer to the interrogatory as to his name, "Och, ye'll see it on the back of the letter," and on the name being at last communicated, and the information given that there was no letter for him, Donald often put the poser: "Do you think she will be the morn?" Donald has learned by experience, however; but at present it generally requires four Highlanders to complete the *modus operandi* of posting a letter. One brings it to the office, wrapped up in a piece of paper; a second precedes him and buys a Stamp: handing the Stamp to a third, he after various licks and manipulations, gets Her Majesty's head affixed to the letter; and the fourth, after looking into the slit with considerable suspicion, cautiously lets it drop, and the whole four finish the performance by peeping down the slit to see that all is well with their missive. This may be seen almost daily, and especially on Saturday evenings.

NOVEL POST OFFICE.—Some days since, an individual, evidently somewhat deranged in his mind, and whose mania lies in the direction of letter writing to all sorts of persons, imaginary and otherwise, was observed on the Durham Terrace to take from his pocket a large number of letters, some of which he sealed and addressed on the spot, and after taking off his coat and enveloping the letters in it, to push the whole into the mouth of the Russian cannon on the Terrace. He then left, apparently satisfied that they would be forwarded to their respective destinations.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

CURIOUS LETTER ADDRESS.

Under guard of the "Hero" this paper
please send,
He "tickets it" through, and will closely
attend;
With "Uncle Sam's aid," it shall go safely
there,
By rail, boat, or stage, sent to "A. King's"
care;
To North Sanford, Broome Co., N. Y., with
due speed,
For "Miss Mary King," to open and read.

A letter to "the prettiest girl in Detroit" is waiting a claimant in the Post Office in that city.

A chap inquired at the Post Office in Erie, the other day, for a letter for "Enery Hogden." He was told that there was none. "Look ere," he replied, a little angrily, you've hexamined a hodd letter for my name. It don't commence with a haitech! It begins with a ho! Look in the ole that's got the ho's!"

CONTRIBUTED.

(For the *Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette*).

PHILATELIE IN EUROPE.

A short time since the writer had the good fortune to spend a few months on the Continent where every gentleman of literary tastes is a devout enthusiast in the collection of those miniature gems of art, commonly called Postage Stamps. But there not only do the sterner sex grasp you by the button hole and beg the personal favor of remembrance when the American mail arrives, but the more winning voices of the fairer community confidentially whisper a tender word of friendship to secure a new addition to the ever treasured album; and school boys neglect their studies and willingly undergo the tortures of scholastic punishment, to eat the solitary meal of bread and water—with a relish, sweetened with the sugared consolation of having secured a *Newfoundland* during the stolen minute, and that a *Connell* would be worth a week's thrashing if it would only secure one!

As here by some it is treated as an intellectual amusement, by others it is treated with the sober earnestness of a literary pursuit; and others interest themselves for the sake of its pleasing novelty, all, however, centering in the great topic of the parlor and the fireside.

Authors and writers of note could not refrain from bringing their cherished favourite before the lovers of art and literature and from mixing timbrophily with heroes and heroics—as in the case of the play of Euripides then being performed in the Parisian theatres, Paris, the Prince, is rustivating awhile as a shepherd, and cannot understand the reason why Calchas has not received a letter sent by Venus, when at length it comes brought by a carrier dove. The Prince, impatient at the length of time it takes Calchas to inform him of its contents, petulantly demands haste, when he explains the delay by remarking he is endeavouring to secure the Postage Stamp for the collection of the Empress Hermione, which called forth the applause of several hundred collectors present.

Not only does the pursuit rage in London and Paris, but it stretches through Germany and Spain; and in Madrid some of the finest collections I have ever seen are the property of my Spanish friend. A collection of a Spanish lady cost over \$1000. The Spanish Stamps alone would almost fill an album, and numbered over 300 varieties. Perhaps, my readers will be surprised to learn that the reason why a new set of Stamps is issued yearly is because the Queen

changes the style of her hair in that period, and this loyal people desire to be as faithful as possible in the representation of her fair and frail Majesty.

To meet the demand of collectors, literary gentleman spend their time in devising albums. Berger Levrault's of Strasbourg is the most popular in Prussia, Vallete's in France, and Oppen's in England. But the best and most universal are the albums of Lallier of Paris, and Moens of Brussels. Lallier's has passed through five editions in English, six in French, four in Spanish, two in German, and one in Portuguese, and Russian, whilst Moen's comes next in the race,

With us Timbrophily is yet in its infancy, and only beginning to be appreciated. A gentleman of my acquaintance has spent years in collecting coins, and has perhaps the most valuable collection of shells in the United States, but up to a short time since, however, never thought it worth while to enter into the list of Philatelists, and gather with his other curiosities the beautiful evidences of civilization and art, and grace his room with a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

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I would desire to say a word to my friends who denounce collecting as vain and puerile. For myself I know of no study more interesting and instructive and which deserves greater encouragement for young people. It charms them into a taste for geography and history and beautifully reminds them of the advance of civilization in foreign lands. It whispers to us all of the approach of the time when the nations shall be no longer isolated; and these Stamps are the symbols that the fetters of the past are broken forever. Oriental customs are yielding to Christianity when we see Turkey and Egypt stepping into the sunlight; and these miniature engravings herald the day when the sickle and ploughshare will supersede the buckler and the sword. They throw out light upon the nations, and shew the advancement of their people—they acquaint us with their condition in industry, genius and art, and guide our vision to the once dark lands of superstition, and the islands of the sea that now blossom in our albums with sparkling gems of peace and unity.

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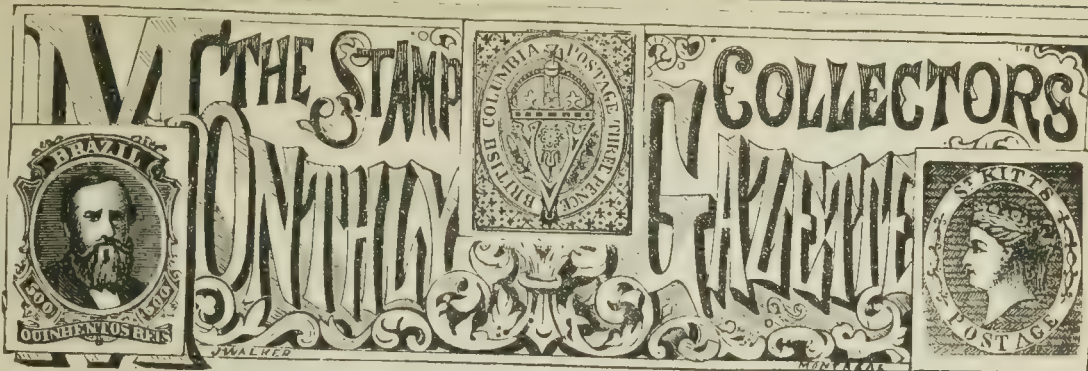
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BY WAIF.

CHAPTER IX.

Early in November—scarcely a month ago, in fact,—Harriet Percy was again seated in her boudoir, with the false hair that had so much astonished Mr. Frost streaming around her white shoulders, and the green goggles across her pretty nose. This time the metamorphosis was not for the tutor, but his pupil.

She had not long to wait, for hardly had his quick tread increased the pulsation of her heart, before Guy Sinclair stood in her presence.

He cast one rapid, searching glance around the room, which finally rested with something very like a stare upon the lady, who had arisen at his entrance.

"I have the honor of addressing Miss Percy, I believe," said Guy after a moment's hesitation, and rather dubiously, I fear.

"Certainly sir," was the reply in a remarkably high key, and not a very dulcet one either.

"I have been expecting you according to agreement with Mr. Blair, in order to receive my *Connell* from your own hands."

Guy produced the Stamp, which must have been the first impression of that disloyal species, and consequently the "Wandering Jew" of the whole Stamp tribe. Assuredly the poor waif seemed destined to "move on," for as our young traveller advanced to lay it at its owner's disposal, she held up her hand with a commanding gesture and exclaimed authoritatively:—

"Stay where you are young man! I will not receive that *Connell* yet. When you feel inclined to ratify the engagement made by your father and mine years ago you may tender it again, until that hour arrives I wish you to hold it in right of a gage."

Hattie sank back among the cushions in her old-fashioned chair, and Guy, as in duty bound, in obedience to the commands of a lady, replaced the *Connell*, and was soon in the street again.

But the *Connell* had changed its character. He had cherished it as a talisman; now it must be as jealously guarded as a feud that might burst at any moment. The ex-Postmaster General smiled as complaisantly as ever; but instead of encouragingly, Guy now fancied there was something sinister in his expression.

If he could have taken time to analyze this change, he might have discovered it to be only a shadow from his own eyes. But no! people won't stop in the midst of a fancy—which for this very reason often loses its shadowy outlines and assumes a tangibility.

Guy carried his fancy so far that he now felt a sense of injury burning in his breast. Of course, all the social and natural laws one ever dreamed of warned him against one solitary act of self-defence, so far as the lady was concerned. It only stimulated in him a rash desire for an encounter with the bodily presence of which this tiny gage was but the representation.

"After to-night," he muttered mentally.

Now "after to-night" was very likely intended as a threat, though of what precise nature Guy had not determined.

The fact was, Guy had engaged to meet his father at a fashionable party that very evening. Mr Sinclair had avoided all public display of the vanities of this world since he had buried his young wife so many years before. But to-night, his ward—whom he persisted in styling a lovely girl—was to make her *debut*, and he intended to sanction it with his own and his son's presence.

Alas! Guy had no eyes for lovely girls, for he had lost sight of the one to him supremely so, immediately after their arrival in New York. If the analysis I suggested had taken place perhaps this loss would have proved itself the base on which every other aggravation had been heaped.

However, he had agreed to his father's earnest solicitations concerning the party, and after that—well he would settle that *Connell* affair one way or the another.

When Guy arrived at Mrs. Lovejoy's aristocratic mansion he found it all ablaze with beauty. Beauty animate and inanimate greeted his eyes

—beauty exquisite, delicious, entrancing filled his ears and flooded his perceptions.

"After to-night" was forgotten. Like all worshippers of beauty, his soul was electrified—exalted, in a measure, above its corporeal temple, but its spirit was hovering around and fanning him with gentle wings. Unfortunately such ecstatic visions are of short duration—man must become angelic did they remain. So the rose-laden atmosphere—the music rising and sinking on the air—women radiant with gems, that scintillated and flashed back their own splendor, were fluttering and swerving to the music—and all the lesser attractions, consequent on such an occasion, arose each in their turn, out of the sweet haze surrounding him and resumed its own individuality. It was not a violent awakening of the mind, the spell that music and poetry weaves, dissolves, but does not break.

Guy sighed as he quitted his ideal realms,—sighed that its clamour was so transitory, and that was all. His mind immediately reverted to the object of his visit,—and was soon puzzling itself with indefinite calculations as to the appearance Miss Percy must present in such a scene.

A familiar voice sounded in his ear and Ellis Blair's arm was passed through his own.

"I have been watching you for some time, Sinclair; do you know what your face made me think of?"

"No; what was it?"

"Moore's Peri as she was about entering Paradise."

"Joy, joy forever!—my task is done—
The gates are passed, and heaven is won!"

Now then suppose we make our way up to Mrs Lovejoy; and perhaps we shall find a Peri quite as good and beautiful as the one Peramorz sang about; though I think we had better alter the words a little and make it answer the occasion.

"Joy, joy, forever: my task is done,—
The Lost's found—my bride is won."

Guy had now no time to express an opinion relative to the change Ellis proposed for they had reached their hostess whose impressment was perceptible as she conversed with Mr. Sinclair and—Hattie King.

"What do you think of *our* Peri?" whispered Ellis Blair; but Guy did not answer. His mind was struggling to take in one great fact—how blind he had been.

"After a few words with Mrs. Lovejoy and an inclination to his father, he bent his head towards Miss Percy, whose eyes were full of penitence and entreaty as they were lifted to his own.

"Was that kind Hattie?"

"Were *you* kind?" was the reply a few minutes later as she walked with Guy outside the gay throng. "You refused me, Guy Sinclair, you know you did, before you ever saw my face. Well I said to Mr. Sinclair, 'your son is sure to hate me when we meet;—and I will never marry

him against his will? So I proposed the plan I afterwards carried out, and your father—who entertained some singular notions about girls, before I took the trouble to enlighten him—was wise enough to encourage and assist me.

I corresponded with him regularly all the time we were in Europe and oh, dear! how amazed we both were when we found that you had seen me in New York. But I want to ask you if it wasn't just the least bit stupid in you, not to see through our ruse before?"

"Of course it was," said Guy apologetically "but I'm not so stupid now, but what I can see how kind and generous and self-abnegating you have been all the time. You must have abhorred that betrothal, far more than I possibly could."

"I disliked it certainly," replied Hattie in a low tone, "but then *my* father was dead; and the wishes of the dead are sacred, you know. Only for that you'd never have seen me in Europe."

But I've something more I want to say—and I may as well tell you now—for I see plainly enough that that odious *Connell* will be brought forward again,—and perhaps you won't care to give it back to me, then. Before Mr. Frost came to me that time, I thought a great deal of somebody else, who is just as good and true as he can be, and my cousin besides. Well I know he loved me better than all the world, and I used to wonder why he never told me so; I fancied it was because he was poor and I rich.

After I heard about you, then I knew it was because he was two honorable. You know who I mean?"

"Yes," said Guy, slowly. "Do you love him now, Hattie?"

"Oh, Guy, no! I never loved him only as the dear, noble fellow he is. But I was sorry for him; and if he had taken pains to teach me, I dare say I should have learned to love him in time. That is all; but I thought I would tell you, Guy, because some are so particular in such matters."

Guy looked down in the flushed face and pressed the soft hand that rested on his arm.

"Ellis Blair is one of the noblest of God's creatures,—I always knew that; but I *feel* it to-night beyond expression. Oh Hattie, how unworthy I am compared to him! how little any girl must think of me, who has known herself to be the chosen one of his heart. Are you sure that he does not love you now?"

"Quite sure now, Guy; when I went away he made up his mind to conquer himself before I returned,—I read that in his face when I saw him again—I read that he had succeeded. You did not see anything like restraint or jealousy about him, I am sure?"

"No, no," answered Guy reverently; but, darling, if you can read my heart as well as you do his, you must know that no one can love you better."

"I have known it for a long time."

"And I may bring you the *Connell* to-morrow?"

"Bring it when you will;" and Hattie began to smile again. "To prevent any further mistakes I will allow you to place it in my album. You'd never guess what a beauty it is. I think it must almost equal *Lady Herbert's*. I did not show it to you because I was afraid you would guess my secret."

Now that the *Connell* is found I suppose I may as well make my adieu, though lest any one is curious enough to go further, I will add, that great preparations are in progress in anticipation of a wedding about to come off very soon.

It might be called a "Diamond Wedding," I suppose, only there is an essential difference,—the diamonds are the least consideration with sweet *Harriet King Percy*.

On the day after *Miss Lovejoy's* party, *Guy Sinclair* called at *Ellis Blair's* office, and as he grasped his hand exclaimed:

"Joy, joy, forever! my task is done,—
The 'Lost's' found—my bride is won."

THE END.

✓ FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

JAVA.

1863. Head of King William III. 10 cents, carmine. Rect.

GENUINE.

The portrait of the king is like, and has a benignant expression about it.

Nearly the whole of right cheek of king is shaded.

The 'ST' is larger than the 'PO' of 'Post.'

FORGED.

The portrait of the king is *not at all alike*, being *fierce* looking.

Scarcely any of the right cheek of the king is shaded.

All the letters of the word 'Post' are of the same size.

PRUSSIA.

ENVELOPE STAMP.

Head of King Frederick William IV, to the right, in an octagon. 1851. 7. s-gr., vermillion. Oct.

GENUINE.

At the bottom of the king's neck there is written in very small letters the word 'Schilling,' only perceptible with a magnifying glass. (This only applies to an unobliterated specimen.

FORGED.

The minute 'Schilling' is *wanting*.

Colour, red-brown.

LIBERIA.

Figure of Liberty, with ship, in an oval. 1860. 6 cents, pink; 12 c., blue; 24 c., green; Large rect.

6 cents, pink.

GENUINE.

Sails of the ship very distinct.

The 'C' in 'cents' under the 'IB' of 'Liberia.'

FORGED.

Sails of the ship are very indistinct.

The 'C' in 'cents' is under the 'LIB' of 'Liberia.'

12 cents, blue.

GENUINE.

The 'C' in 'cents' under 'Li' of 'Liberia.'

Clouds look natural, and are elaborately done.

FORGED.

The 'C' in 'cents' is under the 'IB' of 'Liberia.'

Clouds are badly done.

24 cents green.

GENUINE.

Plenty of clouds. Well executed.

Colour, light green.

FORGED.

Very few clouds. More coarsely executed.

Colour, dark green.

ITALY.

Head of Victor Emmanuel to the right. 1856. 3 lire, golden.

GENUINE.

Word 'Bolo' reads downwards.

L. Poste. 3.

FORGED.

Word 'Bolo' reads upwards.

c. Poste. 3.

REUNION.

1861. Black impression on colored paper. 15, 30 c., indigo. Different devices.

Owing to the great rarity of these Stamps there have been numerous forgeries of them, the ones I have seen the colour of the 15 c., has been a pale violet; and the 30 c., white. Both the genuine Stamps are of the same color. There is another forgery of the 30 c., the colour of which is green.

A handsome gold headed cane was lately presented to Assistant postmaster F. E. Harrison of New Haven Conn., by the officers and employees of the Post Office in that city. After partaking of the good things, usual on such occasions, numerous toasts were given, among which was the following by Mr. Harrison:

"May we all so live that when the welcome signal to 'close up' our earthly labors shall come, when the 'carriers' shall be appointed to perform for us the last friendly offices of earth, the angelic messengers who shall be the 'through route agents,' 'may not missend' that which is entrusted to them, its 'wrapper' being left behind in closed 'boxes,' but may safely guard us till we arrive at the glorious 'general delivery,' which admits 'the spirits of just men made perfect.'"

THE "GAZETTE'S" BUSINESS NOTICES.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. N., Burlington, Vt.—Thirty-five cents.

J. W. S. and J. S. P., Albany, N. Y.—1. Do you mean January, 1866, or 1867? 2. One dollar in *American* currency pays for two subscriptions to the *Gazette* for eight months—the price for 12 months being 75 cents each.

F. R. A., Montpelier, Vt.—1. See last month's *Gazette*. 2. Sever & Francis' Catalogue was issued in 1863; that of Dr. Gray, 3rd edition, 1865—4th edition, 1866.

M. R., Ottawa, C. W.—It is all a matter of taste. Some Collectors include in their albums perforated and unperforated varieties. When we can get them we have both, and consider them equally entitled to a place in collections as Stamps having different shades of color.

S. A. T., Boston, Mass.—We endeavored to procure the article you mention, but failed. There is none of it here. If you can contrive to send us a little we will see what we can do with it. Press of business prevented us from answering you sooner.

R. S., Baltimore, Md.—Detrine, an English preparation, is the name of the article used to make the backs of Stamps adhesive.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER, 1866.

A most important step was taken in connection with postal affairs when the MONEY ORDER system was introduced. Its beneficial influence is only second to cheap postage itself. The more it is known, the more it is used and valued,—not only by those whose worldly circumstances do not allow them to deal in bills of exchange, but by the merchant as well, who finds in it an able auxiliary to the general transaction of business. Notwithstanding its utility, however, it was in use in the mother country for many years before it found favor in New Brunswick. Here it has only been in operation since November, 1863, or not much more than three years. It was not to be expected that its first introduction would be free from error, no matter what care was taken. It was new to most of our people, and new, also, to all of our Post Office employees. The experience of one place is not always serviceable to another, even if it could be applied. Each locality, like each individual, has its own peculiarities and prejudices, and in postal, as in other matters, this truth is daily demonstrated. The money order system, however, has made steady advances during the time it has been in use, and that it

will do in the future as in the past we have no doubt. It is a necessity of the age, which could be no more dispensed with than lucifer matches or gas light. Since its introduction into this province, we are satisfied our postal authorities have done all that was possible to adapt it to the business of the country and the character of the people. If delays and mistakes have occurred, the former, we believe, were due to official caution—which is always commendable—and the latter to want of experience, which is always excusable when new duties are imposed on employees. As the system is better understood complaints will be fewer. The sender and receiver will see that restrictions which may at first sight appear cumbersome and oppressive are really essential to safety; and postal authorities will learn from experience how much and how far relaxation may be made of existing regulations—due regard being paid to the interests of all concerned. In relation to this, we have much pleasure in noticing the publication by our postal department of a small *brochure* on the "MONEY ORDER SYSTEM OF NEW BRUNSWICK," which we have perused with great care, and strongly recommend to all of our readers interested in the postal management of this Province. There is, first, general regulations for paying P. O. money orders; then special instructions to Postmasters for issuing and paying currency and sterling orders; then an appendix, showing the value of sterling money from a penny to a pound, and from one pound to ten; and, lastly, lists of the offices in N. B. authorised to issue sterling money orders, and of the offices in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Canada, in England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, on which they can be drawn. In this Province it appears there are 30 offices entitled to issue currency and 14 sterling orders. The offices in Nova Scotia on which orders can be drawn number 39; in Prince Edward Island, 1; in Canada, 426; in England and Wales, 2,442; in Scotland, 365; and in Ireland, 521. All orders payable outside of the Province must be drawn in sterling, and the amount cannot exceed £10 sterling. On the first day of January next, however, the limit of interchange between New Brunswick and Canada will be extended to £20.

The common per centage for orders payable within the Province is for \$10, five cents; \$10 to \$20, 10 cents; \$20 to \$30, 15 cents; and so on up to \$100. On sterling orders the rate is 25 cents for £2 and under; 50 cents for £2 to £5; 75 cents for £5 to £7; and \$1 for £7 to £10. The arrangement already alluded to, which has just been made between this Province and Canada reduces the per centage to one shilling sterling on orders up to £5; to two shillings on orders over £5 and not exceeding £10; to three shillings on orders over £10 and not exceeding £15; and four shillings on orders over £15 and not exceeding £20 sterling. This, we think, speaks well for the working of the system, and

children of a saving turn of mind. In order to get through with the long list before us we must endeavour to be as concise in our description as possible, and now take up issue No. 2. A rectangular frame in which is perceptible a half-length portrait of the Queen, with orb and sceptre, waved back ground, colored impression, VICTORIA at top, value in letters below. The values and colours are 1d. rose, red, vermilion, brick-red, and brown-red, 2d. ash, lilac, pale bluesish grey, and grey brown and 3d. blue, deep and light, not perforated, also 3d. blue perforated. In the 1d. and 2d., there are two letters in lower corners; in the 3d. owing probably to some accident there is but one. Of course in the foregoing we give what colors of the Stamps we can: but we would remind collectors that they can very easily find the same Stamps with a few trifling shades in color.

3rd. Full length portrait of Queen with orb and sceptre, seated on throne, an arched band above containing VICTORIA directly over throne, upon the steps below is *postage* value in words at bottom, no pillars—circle in four corners, not perforated, 1d. green, and 6d. blue watermarked, with a sixpointed star. We possess a 6d. of the above variety which appears to be black, but after a careful scrutiny with a magnifying glass, a faint glimmering of the original blue is to be observed which dashes our fondest hopes of its being a rarity, to the ground most cruelly.

4th. Head of Queen, crowned, to the left, VICTORIA at top value below POSTAGE on the left side, stamp on the right, colored impression, rectangular. 6d. orange, black, (supposed to be an essay in 1861 and watermarked with the value of the Stamp). 2 shillings green—(In 1865 this Stamp was printed dark blue on yellowish green ground; see *Gazette* for June 1865). These Stamps are both perforated and unperforated. The *Too late* and *registered* Stamps of this colony are supposed to have been issued at this time, the former was intended we presume for paying the extra fee levied in cases where the mail was closed for certain points, and before the bags left the office, on letters which were posted too late to go in the mail matter; the latter was employed to pay the registration fee on letters. Both Stamps appear to have been printed from the same dies and the device is, head of Queen crowned to the left a curved label above containing either *too late* or *registered*, VICTORIA at top value below, POSTAGE on the left and STAMP on the right, printed on plain white paper. *Registration Stamp one shilling* red and blue—*Too late Stamp*, sixpence lilac and green, value printed in green ink.

5th. Profile of Queen Victoria, to the left in a circular band, inscription VICTORIA at top, value in words below, octagonal, perforated and unperforated. One shilling blue on plain paper.

6th 1859. Head of Queen crowned to left on an oval border, inscribed VICTORIA above, value below, bouquet of flowers on sides, figures of an emblematic character in four corners represent-

ing a cow and her calf, sailing vessel, painter's implements, pickaxe and shovel, colored impression on white paper, rectangular. 1d. green; 2d. lilac; 4d. red rose.

One series of this issue is watermarked with a star, and is not perforated. Another is on plain paper perforated and unperforated—a thin series on laid paper is perforated, whilst a fourth is watermarked with value in words, and a fifth is watermarked with a figure denoting the value. In the 4th and 5th series of this issue, the 4d. rose is not supposed to exist. The shades of color in all of these vary considerably.

7th. Profile of Queen with diadem to the left in oval band, divided by two rings, inner one beaded, outer one containing *Victoria Postage* above; value in words below; a small circle at each side with figure of value; angles rounded: colored impression on white paper, rectangular, watermarked, with value in words. 3d. blue, (lake 1866); 4d. rose; 6d. orange, black, yellow. Series on plain paper: 3d. blue; 4d. rose; watermarked, with figures denoting value.

8th 1862. Head of Queen to left crowned in an oval band; Victoria above; value beneath; colored impression, rectangular; 1d. light green.

9th, 1862. Profile of her majesty with diadem to right in an oval border, similar to issue 7th, except that there is no division in the band, and the absence of the word *postage* is noticed. VICTORIA above, value below, watermarked, 6d. grey-black, and black, perforated colored impression on white paper. This stamp is, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the most ugly one of the whole series of the Australian Stamps.

10th, 1864-65. We give an illustration of this issue. The series are 1d. green; 2d. lilac; 4d. rose; 8d. orange.



11th 1866. Laureated head of Queen Victoria to left on a circular disk, around which goes a band with *postage* on top, value below within an octagonal frame, printed on blue paper, perforated, 1 shilling deep blue.

12th. Profile of Queen crowned with laurels to the left in an oval frame, usual inscription, numeral at sides in circular band, rectangular, perforated 6d. blue, 10d. slate, rose red. An official stamp, band printed, has been issued, which is simply a circle containing the royal arms, over which is POST-MASTER GENERAL OF, underneath, VICTORIA FRANK STAMP. Blue on white or blue paper.

This closes our rather lengthy summary of the Victorian Stamps since they first appeared, which will no doubt prove both instructive and useful to the collector when arranging his album.

The production of Postage Stamps, which in France only amounted in 1849 to 19,000,000, increased in 1865 to 414,000,000, and will reach 450,000,000 this year. England prints 800,000,000.

Newly Issued Stamps.



Our illustration in this issue is that of the new Stamp for Mecklenburg Schwerin, value 2 schillings, which was noticed in our last. The color of it, as well as of the envelope Stamp which accompanies it, is lilac. Our readers will perceive that in design it is identical with the 3 and 5 sch.; the envelope, also, is similar to its *confreres*.

BAVARIA.—A returned-letter Stamp, similar to the one issued for Munich, has appeared for the town of Bamberg.

SPAIN.—It is rumored abroad that a new issue for this country will take place next year, and the device used will be the same as that which appeared on the issue for 1864—the date, of course, altered—and the value 5c. lilac, 10c. blue, 20c. green, and 40c. rose, resembling the present Cuban series. Not much foundation is attached to this report.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The old 9d. Stamp of this Colony is again doing duty; this time, however, as a 10d. Upon the old value is printed in deep blue the word TENPENCE at bottom, SOUTH AUSTRALIA at top, head of Queen, crowned, to the left in an oval border, unperforated, and printed in orange on white paper.

VICTORIA.—A 3d. label is out, *rose pink*, perforated, rounded corners, *Victoria Postage* at top, value in words below, 3 at each side, Queen's head to the left in an oval; watermarked with the value of the Stamp in words. A string of pearls composes the inner circle.

LONDON LOCAL.—The Circular Delivery Co. of London has issued two Stamps. Within a rectangular frame is a shield, over which is LONDON in a scroll, below is CIRCULAR DELIVERY CO., and the value in words in a straight line at bottom. The values and colors are 1d. blue and ½d. mauve, printed in color on white paper.

The Great Eastern Railway Company has issued two large unprepossessing Stamps, looking more like business cards than anything else, of the value of ½d. green and 1d. blue—colored impression on white paper.

SWITZERLAND.—According to *Le Timbre-Poste*, a 50c. Stamp for this country will appear January 1st, 1867.

PERU.—M. Moens announces three new Stamps for Peru, of the values of 10 centavos, green, 25c. blue, and 1 sol bistre. The Stamps, although differing slightly in some respects, have the same design throughout. In a rectangular frame is an oval, containing the designation of value in figures, at the top of which, in

a sort of semi-circle, is REPUBLICA, below PERUANA; 1866 at top, in a straight line, 1867 below; value in words at sides; shield in four corners, containing a horse, plant, and what appears to us to be a horn, perforated. They are very handsome, and were engraved by the *American Bank Note Co.* of New York.

Postal Chit-Chat.

Money Orders drawn at St. John Post Office during the month of November, \$.2086.27; corresponding period last year \$1561.56. Money Orders paid at St. John in November, \$169,16.-45; during same month last year, \$137,21.67.

From the report of the Postmaster General of the United States we learn that "the Government sold during the past year \$12,204,729 worth of Postage Stamps and envelopes. We sent abroad 4,886,916 letters, and received from abroad 4,543,630. We sent nearly three millions of newspapers, and received a little over one million. The number of post offices is 23,828: of which there have been re-opened in the rebellious States 2778. Forty-six cities have the free delivery system, and the plan gives excellent satisfaction."

THE MONEY ORDER BUSINESS.—Few persons are aware of the importance of the money order system, as adopted by the Post Office Department. During the past year there has been paid in at the Post Office in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., for the purchase of orders, mostly in small sums, over \$4,000,000.

EXPENSIVE POSTAGE.—The *London Times* in 1842 paid upwards of £300 for conveying a letter from Marseilles to London. This contained the news of the massacre in Cabul, which the *Times* was the first to make known. From Marseilles to Paris the conveyance was by carriages especially hired; from Paris to Boulogne by horse; thence to Dover by special steamer, and from Dover to London again by horse.

The flirtations and pleasant tetes-a-tetes between the clerks of the New York Post Office and the young women who call for answers to matrimonial advertisements are complained of as nuisances.

The postal service in the eleven seceded States which, before the war never paid expenses, has netted over two hundred thousand dollars profit during the last year.

A correspondent of the New York daily papers writes that for the fiscal year ending June 30, four millions of dead letters were returned to Washington. There is stated to be 300,000 less than the preceeding year, when large armies in motion rendered the delivery of letters less certain.

London sends out no mail, and has no postal delivery on Sunday.

POSTAL ANOMALY.—There is no book-post between Great Britain and the United States of America, while there is a book-post between France and the latter country; and what is still more strange is that this French service all passes through England. A New Yorker sends to a Paris house for an English book because he cannot get it direct from English publishers; the Paris house procures it from England and posts it in France for his New York correspondent, and the book thus posted goes through England to reach New York. It is said that the want of an international copyright between England and the United States is the cause of this anomaly, the Americans not desiring to give direct facilities for the introduction of English books, the sale of which would interfere with their reprints, for which they pay the English author nothing. Be this as it may, the fact remains as stated above.

POST OFFICE BOXES.—A revolution in the Post Office box system will take place the first of January next. Orders have been received at the Department at Washington to increase the rates of charges for boxes, at that time from \$3 to \$10. The object is to force people, as far as possible, to do away with the boxes, and come into the city delivery system, or if they will not do so, make them pay dearly for the boxes. The order of the Department does not extend to any one city alone in the United States, but to all where the city delivery system is thoroughly organized. It is thought that by dispensing with the box system, a saving would be had to the U. S. Government, of the expense of several clerks.

A French Postal Bureau has been established at Shanghai since 1863. The 80c. French Stamp prepays the single rate of postage for transmission of letters to the mother country.—*Cassell's Paper.*

It was recently stated that a postal arrangement had been concluded between England and the United States by which the rates of postage was to be reduced. The announcement was premature, and the Post Office Department at Washington has published the following:—"The Post Office Department has simply agreed on a preliminary basis for a postal treaty with Great Britain. The articles therefore remain to be formally executed and the time fixed for its operation. It is expected the treaty will be in full force by January, 1868, at which time the present postal treaty between the United States and Great Britain will expire by limitation. The paragraph recently published that a new treaty had been negotiated, is calculated to mislead, and hence this explanatory statement.—*St. John Globe.*

PENNY POST OFFICE ORDERS.—Some time ago we noticed favorably a plan proposed by Mr. J. G. Scott of the Edinburg Post Office for issuing Penny Post Office Orders. Mr Scott's

plan is based on long practical knowledge of the working of the Money Order system; and while he shows that under the present method penny orders for small sums could not be issued without entailing a heavy loss on the revenue, he proposes by his plan to so simplify the complicated and expensive book keeping of the Money Order department as, without diminishing security, to make cheap orders a source of profit. Mr. Scott's proposals have been examined by a Committee of the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce and that body has resolved to memorialize the Postmaster General in their favor. We hope that other Chambers of Commerce will take up the matter, which comes properly within their sphere of action, and that the result will be that the public will obtain greater facilities than they at present enjoy for the safe and cheap transmission of small sums of money.—*Daily Review.*

EMBEZZLEMENT IN A BERLIN POST-OFFICE.—The attention of the Post Office Inspector for this division has of late frequently been called to the fact that money posted in unregistered letters has frequently failed to reach its destination. A careful enquiry satisfied him at length that the fault lay in the Berlin office; and he accordingly laid a trap to endeavour to catch the guilty party. He caused a letter to be addressed to a lady in Stratford, containing \$12 in marked bills, which letter was posted unregistered in Berlin. Upon the mail containing the letter being received on the Grand Trunk railway, Mr. Dewe was there to receive it, and, opening the letter addressed as above, he found that the bait had taken, and that \$2 of the amount posted was missing. He immediately returned to Berlin and caused a search warrant to be issued; and upon the person of George Blackwell, a young man employed as telegraph operator and assistant clerk, the marked \$2 was found. He was at once taken into custody, and in his trunk was found a sum amounting to about \$100 in Canadian money, and some \$75 in greenbacks. He was taken before Messrs. Bowlby and Mackie, Justices of the Peace, by whom he was committed to take his trial at the next Quarter Sessions.—*Galt Reporter.*

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 110 letters.

- My 72, 96, 42, 86, 109, 21, 49, 64, 4, 76, 84,
7, 2, 25, 62, 11, 9, 68, 51, inscription on
a Postage Stamp.
" 80, 104, 10, 24, 47, 9, 75, 89, 91, 37, 108,
17, 93, 6, inscription on a Stamp.
" 106, 85, 78, 31, 98, 16, 34, 83, 27, 81, 8,
92, 94, 97, 42, 46, 50, 33, 59, inscription
on a Postage Stamp.
" 35, 95, 36, 13, 39, 69, 87, 105, 110, 55,
30, 61, 5, 18, 100, inscription on a Stamp.
" 73, 13, 26, 96, 82, 90, 79, 24, 58, 67,
50, 18, 20, 66, inscription on a Postage
Stamp.

My 68, 29, 72, 39, 32, 47, 4, 38, 12, 82, 41, 43, 56, 28, 75, 14, 74, 48, 8, 65, 3, 97.
 30, 61, 110, 42, 84, inscription on a Stamp.
 " 88, 17, 106, 92, 73, 1, 25, 24, 57, 50, 96, 76, 6, 41, 46, 18, 42, 74, 78, 31, 103, 104, 71, 23, 27, inscription on a Postage Stamp.
 " 102, 87, 45, 48, 20, 91, 76, 94, 8, 17, 63, 90, 30, 6, 18, 68, 53, inscription on a Stamp.
 " 15, 79, 44, 70, 105, is a coin.
 " 60, 39, 101, 91, 42, 47, 8, 109, is a coin.
 " 52, 24, 45, 62, 85, 8, 36, 34, 22, is a device used on a Postage Stamp.
 " 40, 25, 50, 61, 107, 72, 67, is to be seen on a Stamp.
 " 54, 29, 19, 84, 68, 71, issued Stamps in 1854.
 " 99, 82, 69, 36, 18, issued Stamp in 1850.
 My whole are Stamp publications.

SPRIGGLES.

(Answers next month).

Answer to enigma in last number: "*Buenos Ayres Five Pesos, Orange, Steamship Series*".
 No answer received!!!

The 1st prize for correct solution of the enigma in this issue, is Confederate States of America 5c. blue, Davis' head. 2nd, Grenada 1d. green, 3rd. Egypt 10p. brown. 4th, Hamburg $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. envelope. *All unused and warranted genuine.*

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Yppppennneeeaaagoooooooofsggdht, on a Postage Stamp.
2. Frrrrroooooocennaeesiit, on a Postage Stamp.

(Answer in our next).

We will give for first correct answer we receive of No. 1. Bahamas 1d. red, 2, Egypt 5p. 3, Hanover 1gr. envelope. For No. 2.—1st Egypt 10p., 2. Portugal 5r. 3 Luebeck $\frac{1}{2}$ sch green. *All genuine and unused.*

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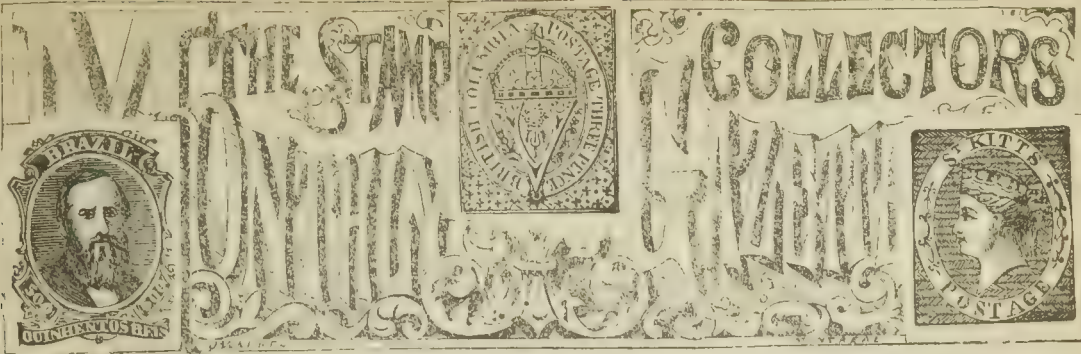
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The New Year dawns—with joy we sing,—
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For Custom bids us sing our lay,
And join in mirth and dance to-day.

Long has the tide of time flown on
Upon the earthly trodden shore,—
Each year still shows a brighter dawn
Than those that long have gone before ;
While progress marks the changing years,
And words of wisdom proudly rears.

Still shall it be throughout all time,
As year on year goes hurrying by,—
The mind will seek with love to climb
The heights proud science doth defy ;
She leads us on with torch of light
Beyond the ken of mortal sight.

Ring happy bells ! thy sound recalls
The dream of other days gone by.
Again we roam thro' childhood's halls,
With pensive thought and tearful eye,
And think on all that might have been,
And every glad and cherished scene.

Ring happy bells ! ring out your chimes !
They tell the progress of the years.
May vice, and folly, want and crime,
The ignorance, the selfish jeers
Of men be banished from the earth,—
And sing in types of purer worth.

May peace, and love, still more abound,
And Knowledge cast her seeds abroad

'Mong nations all and all around,—
The heathen climes that know not God,
The fountain and the source of light,
Whom all can know who love aright.

Ring joyful bells ! ring out your peals
Upon the winter's frosty air ;
The soul with gladdened rapture feels,
True hope that chases grief and care.
We'll twine our wreaths of love to-night,
And sing the songs of past delight.

With joyous talk and festive cheer,
And music soft to thrill the soul,
We'll usher in the dawning year,
And pass to each the flowing bowl.
The bells of Yule, they ring at times,
With mingled sweetness in their chimes,—

They tell us of the year that's fled,
And speak of memories old and dim—
Of friends, long numbered with the dead,
Who sought the goal of life to win.
That chime is mournful which reveals
All that the broken spirit feels.

What marked events Old Time has seen ;
When we look back upon the year,
Still faction strives, and wars have been
The widow's wail, the orphan's tear.
While Prussia fair exults to own
New power and splendour round her throne.

The Austrian is humbled now,
The despot's chain no more will bind.
Fresh garlands hang on Freedom's bough,
Which wave into the passing wind.

The bannered hosts, the sword, and spear,
All tell war's triumphs of the year.

Hail Italy! thou, too, art free,—
The land of Art, Romance, and Song,—
Thy people shout of Liberty,
And dare to banish every wrong;
Even Superstition starts to flee
To other climes beyond the sea!

O could the soul of DANTE rise,
And gaze upon his country now,—
What joy would gladden in his eyes,
And light his stern, reflective brow,
Who long foretold lov'd Freedom's reign
Over every fair Italian plain.

Turn we once more the scroll of Time,
And look upon this Western shore,
So favored over every clime
In all that aids to fill man's store.
By industry, he wealth can gain,
While Freedom everywhere doth reign.

But here doth Faction raise its head,
Beneath the banner of the free,
While slumber on the valiant dead,
Who fought for truth and liberty.
What, shall it e'er in time be said
That blood, alas, in vain was shed!

But sweet tranquillity now dwells
Where e'er the dark St. Lawrence rolls

Its tides of water,—thro' its dells,
The home of brave and valiant souls,
Who nobly fought, and bled, and died,
When Fenian hordes our flag defied.

United soon, we all shall stand
Beneath the flag we nobly prize;
The red cross floats through our fair land,
Tho' braggart traitors may despise!
We shout for Union as before,—
From East to West, from shore to shore.

Despite commotion, strife, and war,
Art, science, still achieve their aim—
The continents united are,
And speak good will to each again;
Oh, may the globe soon girdled be,
By electric chains from sea to sea!

Hail! Britain in thy proud domain,
We pay thee homage now in song!
Long may thy loved Victoria reign,
And statesmen wise around her throng,—
To build the nation high in power,
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BY ARTHUR ARCHER.

CHAPTER I.

"And so Cousin, you have made up your mind to break your engagement with Charles Rivers?" said Ellen Foster to her Cousin Alice Alton, as they sat together in the recess of the window, one fine summer evening.

"I have," replied Alice.

"Your resolution is a foolish one, and made without proper consideration."

"By no means," I have thought over the matter enough. Heaven knows the struggle has been a hard one! but how can I ever take a man for a husband who has so little self-respect as to embark in a career of dissipation and folly? One who does not respect himself cannot be expected to regard his wife."

"You certainly put the matter in a strong light Cousin Alice, but I would like to ask you do you ever expect to marry a perfect husband?"

"You shall be answered; I do not expect perfection, but I do expect my husband to possess good principles, and a proper self-respect. If he possesses these qualities he will be the more likely to love and appreciate his wife."

"Well you may argue with me and silence me with your fine logic, but you cannot convince me that Charles Rivers is quite so black as he has been painted, and I think in the end you will find that in breaking your engagement with him you have done a very foolish thing."

"Why do you say so?"

"Because Charles Rivers whatever may be his faults, possesses a kind and generous heart and a noble nature, and if you begin your search for perfection by slighting him, you will end it in sorrow and disappointment. It is easy for a woman to set up an ideal standard of perfection for the man she expects to marry, but she need not hope that by doing so she will make men better, or more discreet in their younger days. You say that Charles Rivers has been dissipated formerly, that you have been deceived in him, and that the echo of his wild college career is just now reaching your ears.—Of course you are shocked to know that he was considered one of the wildest young men at Harvard University, but let me tell you that if you take all the men out of the world who have been wild in their youth, there will not be many left who will make much figure in it."

"Really cousin Ellen, you plead the cause of the wild young men well. If I did not know better I would think you were interested in some one of them yourself."

"You do know better than that; but it has just occurred to me. There is Mr. Smith, the rector, you know what a good, kind-hearted, pious man he is. Well, I have heard Papa say that when they were at college together, Mr. Smith was awfully wild and used to drink hard. One day, a young man, one of his companions, was drowned while half intoxicated by being upset out of a sail-boat in which he persisted in going across the river. This event produced a great effect on the minds of the collegians, especially on Mr. Smith and Papa; and that was how Mr. Smith came to take orders, for he had intended himself for the bar. But, good-by, cousin Alice; and if you have not yet sent Charles his letter of dismissal, I advise you not to do it."

"I have not sent it, but—"

"Then burn it," So saying, the charming and lovely Ellen Foster waived her adieu.

Alice Alton was the only daughter of Squire Alton, a wealthy and respectable farmer, of Cumberland County, Nova Scotia. He had come from England some twenty-five years before our story opens, and by the judicious expenditure of considerable capital, had bought and reclaimed one of the largest marsh farms there were in the neighbourhood of Amherst. He was a very excellent man, and had given his daughter the best education the provinces afforded.

Alice Alton, at the period when our tale begins, had just completed her eighteenth year. She was in every respect a very beautiful girl; the symmetry of her form well accorded with the loveliness of her face, which in its turn, was an index of the goodness of her soul. Her eyes were of the deepest blue; and her hair that beautiful mixture of auburn and brown, which gives it the appearance of having been sprinkled with diamond dust. Alice was as good as she was beautiful, and conscientious to the highest degree, thanks to the careful training of a religious mother, aided by the naturally good bent of the youthful Alice's mind.

Ellen Foster, the other young lady whom we have already introduced to our readers in the dialogue, was, in many respects, a contrast to her cousin Alice. She was equally beautiful; but her's was a beauty of another sort. Her hair and eyes were jet black; and her features, although beautiful, were cast in that mould which is the sure indication of a determined and courageous disposition. And Ellen Foster did not belie her looks. She was indeed resolute and daring. Mounted on her favourite horse she would perform feats of horsemanship which would astonish young ladies who had learned to ride at fashionable riding schools. An ordinary gate or fence was no obstruction to her when out on one of her rambling rides over the country, which she delighted to take four or five times a week, or even oftener.

Ellen Foster was just the kind of a woman to be universally admired. Her solid mental at-

tainments, and her sound practical sense, caused her to be respected as well. Her stately carriage, and gait, also, made her conspicuous; and in every respect she was far beyond the generality of women. She was just a year the senior of her cousin Alice Alton, and naturally they were very great friends. The difference in their characters not having a tendency to estrange them from each other; but rather the contrary Alice was of a mild and confiding nature; Ellen was self-possessed and resolute. Alice's strength of mind was of the passive kind; Ellen's was active. One was fitted to suffer patiently; the other to face danger boldly.

The father of Ellen Foster was a retired barrister, whose failing health obliged him to relinquish the severe and trying practice of his profession, and seek in the retirement of a country life, that health which he in vain sought for in a crowded city. He was quite wealthy, and had purchased a farm near to the residence of his brother-in-law, on which he had built a splendid mansion. His daughter, and her cousin were constantly together, and it was extremely gratifying to the parents of both to see them so much attached to each other,—both were noble girls, and each had many admirers. Indeed the man might be considered fortunate who obtained the hand of either; for they would both have ample dowries to enhance the value of their other attractions.

Charles Rivers of whom mention, has already been made to us, was a young man, who was about commencing life as an attorney in Amherst. He was very talented, generous and of a good disposition. He had inherited a considerable property from his father, and his own prospects of success in his profession were excellent. He had been engaged for a short time to Alice Alton at the time our story opens, and was considered in every respect a very suitable match. Though he might not fulfill the novelist's beau ideal of a handsome man, he was at least good looking,—imagine a young man with dark brown hair, and whiskers and moustache to match—blue eyes—features strongly marked and masculine—height 5 feet 8 inches—and a frame tolerably stout, and well put together—and you have before you, the portrait of Charles Rivers. Take a good look at him gentle reader, for he will figure quite conspicuously in our tale before you see it close. Charles Rivers had been in Harvard University some two years before attending the law classes in that venerable Institution, and it is very much to be feared that what his betrothed had just heard in reference to his excesses, there, had some foundation in fact.

Charles Rivers was no saint, and never professed to be one. He had never been a Sunday School Teacher, nor collector for an Orphan Asylum, nor a visiting member of the church's charitable fund. He made no profession, and consequently, was not a hypocrite. He was not the good young man, whom religious mothers point-

ed out as a living model of perfect life, saving grace illustrated, and an incarnation of all the virtues. He had been wild at College, and had never taken any particular pains to conceal that fact. His impulsive nature, and his love of fun often had led him into difficulties, and follies, which a more cautious person would have avoided. But this was rather a token of his goodness of heart, than otherwise. His generosity was unbounded, and his nature made him loving and affectionate.

He, then, was the man whom Alice Alton intended to cast aside on account of his former faults. One of those muck worms of society called gossips, had first unfolded his College scrapes to her with elaborate minuteness, and where the narrative was at all defective in point, took care to add some additional illustrations by way of embellishment.

When Alice taxed Charles with his wild career at College, he did not deny it; he said he had been a wild youth, thought the most of young people were the same. He hoped his sons would not follow his example; and left Alice in a state of delightful hesitation, between telling him never to see her again, and kissing him, and granting him her forgiveness.

It is now time that we should introduce two other characters to our readers who will figure much in this tale. One is Alice's mother, the other is Dr. Bland.

Mrs Alton was one of those women whose extreme religious views make them almost as bad members of society as if they had no religion at all. She was not content that her piety should be felt in the range of her own household, but she was always obtruding it where its display was at least uncalled for. She was no doubt a very excellent woman, and a very exemplary member of the church. Her zeal was genuine, even if it were sometimes directed in a wrong channel; and it certainly was not vanity or ostentation that led her to display so much of her religion outside of her own peculiar sphere. But she committed the great fault of comparing her own case with that of her neighbours,—forgetting entirely that a thousand circumstances might combine to prevent any of them from possessing so much active piety as she was blessed with. This is generally the case with all extreme religionists. They make themselves the standard of humanity, when they in reality may be only the more favoured exceptions to the common lot.

Mr. Godly, who has a neck about as large as a goose's, and a development of the organs of his head, a trifle above that of a canary, cannot understand why Mr. Fleshman, (whose head is 8 inches across at the back, and who wears a 16 inch collar), will persist in drinking brandy at dinner, and ogling all the pretty girls he meets. No wonder Mr. Godly is puzzled. He cannot be expected to understand it. The two men have nothing in common. One is all animal passion, the other possesses none at all.

Mr. Fleshman is doubtless as much puzzled at Mr. Godly, as Mr. Godly is at him. Let them change places. Set Mr. Fleshman to teach the Bible-class in Sunday school, and put Mr. Godly at a bar with a glass of brandy in his hand, and they will both speedily discover that what the world calls the superior piety of the one over the other is but a weakness of constitution and body, which is an effectual bar to all excess on his part. Mr. Godly would have no stomach for the brandy, and Mr. Fleshman none for teaching. Thus it is the world over. Men who are, either from constitutional weakness or timidity, incapable of excess, are perpetually flaunting their superior piety in the faces of their friends, and making long faces at the sad contrast there is between the conduct of the most of men and their own exemplary lives. But let them enjoy their delusion now; all men will, in the end, be rewarded according to their talents.

Mrs. Alton, blessed with a comfortable home and abundant wealth, with a good husband, and a most dutiful daughter, thought it excessively sinful for people not to be content with their lot. But if Mrs. Alton had to change places with some of her less favored neighbours, and toil wearily through the world in the midst of poverty and disaster, she might have been inclined to look with a more charitable eye on those who sometimes felt tempted to repine at their condition.

The next character we shall introduce to our readers, is the doctor we have before named, Dr. Lemuel Bland. Dr. Bland was wealthy and young and good looking. The wealth and looks he inherited from his mother, the youth was originally his own. He did not practice his profession much, and then it was only among the poorer people, and gratuitously. He would take no reward for his services; but did good for its own sake. He was constantly with Mrs. Alton in her benevolent missions among the poor of Amherst. Dr. Bland was a good young man in every respect,—good enough even to satisfy Mrs. Alton whose standard of piety was extremely high. His piety was universally known; and although many people pretended not to like him, they could not but acknowledge his goodness.—Of course he was a great favorite with Mrs. Alton—and a constant guest at her house, so much so as to be almost counted one of the family.—Dr. Bland was tall and slight, complexion fine but rather pale, thin lips, slight aquiline nose, and grey eyes, and with a voice of the most winning and silvery kind. Reader, this is Dr. Bland, I advise you to get well acquainted with him, for you will see much of his society before we are through.

Dr. Bland was a young man of the most commanding talents, and possessed the most excellent professional education. He carried off high honors at the University, and was highly recommended for his skill in his profession. He was extremely fond of the study of chemistry, and spent hours in a small laboratory which

he had in one part of his house, making new experiments and discoveries in that most fertile of all the sciences for the patient explorer.

This laboratory with its miniature forge, and its galvanic, and electric machines, and a hundred other instruments, with unknown names, was really a very formidable looking place, but people were not in much danger of being terrified with its appearance, for but few were ever admitted into its sacred precincts, and then only for a moment, and at long intervals. 'No admittance' was placed above the door, and he adhered to the principle with tolerable exactness.

Having now introduced the prominent characters to our readers, we will go on with our story.

Alice Alton had been much distressed about what she had heard in reference to Charles, and in the midst of her perplexity her cousin Ellen happened to step in. The result was the conversation which is narrated at the beginning of the story. When Ellen left, her doubt in regard to what course to pursue was not by any means decreased. She had a letter already written, which she had intended to send to Charles, informing him that she could see him no more, but since her cousin's conversation with her on the subject, she was in doubt whether to send it to or take the advice of her cousin, and burn it. It was not so easy, after all, she found to give up Charles in spite of faults and former follies. She had never realized until then the real strength of her affection for him, and she was now surprised to find that even what she considered his crimes were scarcely sufficient to turn the scale against him, when balanced with her affection for him. There is something in the love of a true woman which will even survive the disgrace of its object, something which retains its potency, even where the goodness which called it forth has passed away, or proved as false and unreal as the misty halo which surrounds the midnight moon.

Happy the man on whom such affection is bestowed! most wretched he whose unworthiness is the cause of its being withdrawn from him! for the remembrance of the treasure he has lost will pierce his soul like a poisoned arrow, and torment him with more than the anguish of a Tantalus.

Alice Alton went up to her room with a sad heart, though love in the mean time had triumphed. She would not forsake Charles. She would destroy the letter, as her cousin had advised her. While engaged in this train of thought she heard a tap at her room door, and on opening it her mother entered the room. Her grave demeanor assured Alice that she had something of a serious nature to communicate, and she accordingly prepared herself to hear unpleasant tidings.

"Alice" she said "I have come to speak to you about Charles Rivers. I hope after what you have heard of his college life that you consider your engagement with him at an end."

"My dear mother I would that you had chosen any other time than this to speak to me on this sad subject; the thing has haunted my mind so much lately that I scarcely feel equal to the task of conversing upon it. I had viewed it in every possible light; I had even so far resolved to give Charles up that I have written a letter to that effect for him, but I cannot now. I cannot give him up;—I cannot leave him."

"My daughter, it grieves me much to think that a child of mine should hesitate between misplaced affection and duty. After the care I have taken with you, and the attention I have paid to your religious training, I did not think that you would so far forget the principles I have brought you up in from childhood as to speak as you are doing now. You surely cannot be serious in what you say."

"I am serious, mother, in what I say; and I am more than that, I am determined. I honor the principles you have taught me from childhood, but I cannot see their application here. Besides, I know of no principles which man can lay down which should be so arbitrary as completely to dispense with the exercise of the reasoning faculties in those who are desired to follow them. If I think I am doing what is right in refusing to forsake Charles, by what principle can any one who is not familiar with the facts of the case condemn my conduct in doing as I intend to do?"

"By the principle that we should have no contact with evil. A principle with a divine origin."

"I deny the correctness of the principle and its supposed origin. It is one which no man can follow, and therefore a false one. If the ministers of the gospel attempted to carry it out, where would their converts come from, or how would the heathen be saved?"

"My daughter, the Spirit of Evil is in your words. He has armed you with his insidious speech to enable you to resist the truth."

"We can never agree upon religious matters mother, and it is useless for us to discuss them."

"But have you resolved in your course in regard to the other."

"I have."

"You act with sinful rashness."

"It has cost me much thought."

"Alas! daughter, I feel for the sad state of your heart—you cling to the wicked and forsake the good. Let me picture to your mind the man you intend to marry—careless and hard in his boyhood, fonder of wicked sport and idle mischief than his book or his bible. In youth, rash and hasty of purpose—then given to seek the companionship of those as careless as himself, he pursues his career up to his manhood. He drinks, perhaps he gambles—shall I finish the picture?"

"Go on."

"How does he end? He becomes a man of the world, hard and selfish."

"This last stroke of your pencil does not apply to Charles. He is neither hard nor selfish; as for being a man of the world, every man is one to a greater or less extent."

"Now let me paint his contrast, — the character of a man I would like to see my daughter marry. Studious in boyhood—discreet in youth—in manhood religious—imbued with piety—a good christian—an abhorrer of what is evil—I would have such an one for a son."

"In law!"

"Yes."

"Well, mamma, the picture is certainly an excellent one, but I think it would be difficult to find its living original; if such an one exists, he does not live in this neighbourhood."

"I think I know of such an one."

"Here?"

"Yes."

"Who is he pray?"

"You have seen him I think."

"Not I, but who—?"

"Dr. Bland."

So saying Mrs. Alton withdrew, and left Alice to her own reflections.

And what were these reflections?

Dr. Bland, he was no doubt a good young man; but then in these days, we do not take every one who appears to be good, for a saint.

A new light was dawning on the mind of Alice; she had never thought much of Dr. Bland before, but in spite of herself, since her mother had awakened the thought, she could not help comparing him with Charles Rivers, and involuntarily much to the disadvantage of the latter. Her thoughts she found were playing traitor to her regard for Charles, and though she tried to crush the idea in her breast, despite of all, thought would have its way. Dr. Bland was so good, and such a perfect gentleman: his conduct was so exemplary. He was a Sunday School Teacher. He was foremost in every charitable object. He prayed in the weekly prayer-meeting. He sometimes took the minister's place at the bedside of the dying man. And then his manners were so unassuming, and his voice so tender and kind. Dr. Bland was certainly a very good young man, so at least Alice's mother thought, and Alice was now much of the same opinion.

(To be continued).

It occasionally happens that a sheet or more of a Stamp is printed in the wrong colour, and Stamps so impressed are generally of considerable rarity. Of these, the wood block Capes are perhaps the most valuable. The four-penny rose, Western Australian, of which only one sheet is said to have been printed; the blue Liberia six cents: and the 2 reales blue, of the 1855 Spanish series, are also very rare.—*S. C. Magazine.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. B. D., *Yarmouth, N. S.*—The paper you mention has, we understand, been discontinued. Cause: want of proper support.

J. S. P., *Albany, N. Y.*—You are right. The mistake occurred through the carelessness of the proof reader. The paper will be sent to your address for eight months.

R. S., *Baltimore, M. D.*—For *Dextrine* our printers made us say *Detrine* last month.

J. L. H., *Montreal.*—Thanks for enclosure, which is placed to your credit. See what you can do with the other. C. J. S.'s paper is mailed regularly from our office, and if it fails to reach its destination, the fault lies wholly with the postal authorities. C. B. S.'s address has been changed per request. S. L. T.'s paper has been sent. Will write you in a few days more explicitly.

R. J. S., *Buffalo.*—Send along your contribution, and if it suits us we will publish it.

Other correspondents will be attended to in our next.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S

Monthly Gazette.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., JANUARY, 1867.

In order to make room for other matters our usual editorial is this month omitted.

We take pleasure in directing the attention of our readers to the first instalment of the serial story entitled *GOLD AND TINSEL* which is given in this number of the *Gazette*. It is a deeply interesting and exciting one, and the information and pleasure derived from its perusal will well repay the reader. Written in the author's happiest manner, abounding in graphic incidents, and exciting events, it cannot fail to have many admirers. It is not, philatelically speaking, a *Stamp* story, and perhaps some of our subscribers may object to its being published in a paper devoted solely to timbrophily; but we have many, very many subscribers who are not Stamp collectors and have requested us to give for their benefit, once in awhile, a little reading of a more general character than heretofore. To satisfy them, we have engaged one of our best novelists whose productions have appeared in some of the most prominent American magazines and literary papers, to write expressly for us an original tale. We can say with perfect safety that Philatelists will be as much charmed with it as any one else.

MAPLE LEAVES. This is the title of a first-class monthly paper which appeared Jan'y. 1 1867. It has eight pages well filled with choice reading matter, and is published at the remarkably low price of 50 cts. per annum, by Geo. Blackie & Co., 746 Broadway, New York City.

We have just received the first number of the *Star of the East*, a neat four paged paper published in Boston, Mass., at \$1.00 a

year, Besides stories, short articles and advertisements it contains a column devoted to stamps which will prove interesting to philatelists. This paper rises from the ashes of the defunct *S. C. Review* whose first number only appeared, and the subscribers thereto will receive the *Star* in lieu of the *Review*. We wish the new enterprise every success. Address F. H. King & Co., Box 2523, P. O., Boston, Mass.

The January number of the *Star Spangled Banner* issued by Hunter and Co., of Hinsdale N. H., is a capital one. It is enlarged from four to eight pages, is illustrated and the proprietors have secured the services of Josh Billings who will "put in" a "piece" once a month. Terms 50 cents a year.

MONEY ORDERS.—We learn that the amount of Money Orders drawn at the Post Office, St. John, was \$1880, during December 1866, corresponding period in 1865, \$1820.49. Amount paid in December, \$16553.16: same month in previous year, \$11301.01.

THE AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The first issue of Stamps for this Colony took place on the 27th of December 1849 and consisted of three values 1d. red 2d. blue and 3d. green. This was the famous "View of Sydney" series, in which so many marked differences are noticed. They appear to have been printed from several plates and in this particular are unlike the Stamps of other countries, which emanate from one plate only. They are very rare, and unused varieties being nearly unattainable, the used ones, which are badly obliterated, are the only specimens left us to examine, which in our opinion is no easy task. In a sort of oblong erect frame, within a circle, upon which is SIGILLUM NOV. CAMB. AUST., are several figures male and female; one is sitting down towards the left, and is supposed to represent Britannia, the others are convicts, just landed from the ship having two masts up to the right. On the left a church and some houses can be seen, and at the bottom of the engraving is SIC FORTIS ETRURIA CREVIT in two lines. POSTAGE at top value in words below, spandrels granulated. Some of the Stamps have clouds whilst others are devoid of them. The above description is of the 1d. Stamp; the 2d. and 3d. is much the same, except a slight variation occurs here and there. The following differences may be observed, at the top of the circle in the 2d. is a W; ship turned towards the left and has three masts and the colors are blue and violet; the 3d. is green.

4th issue 1851-1852. Laureated head of Queen Victoria to the left, POSTAGE in arched label at top, value below in words. Inscription NEW SOUTH WALES at top and sides on blue

and white paper. 1d. red, orange, carmine; 2d. blue, lilac; 3d. green; 6d. brown; 8d. yellow.

5th. REGISTRATION STAMP. Laureated head of Queen to the left in an oval border, NEW SOUTH WALES at top, REGISTERED at bottom. Colored impression on white paper, red and yellow, perforated and unperforated.

6th. 1852-1854. Profile of Queen, crowned, to the left in a circle, within a hexagonal frame, in a large square engine turned frame. Inscription NEW SOUTH WALES on scroll above value on scroll beneath, POSTAGE at top. Colored impression on white paper. 5d. green, 6d. olive, and purple brown.

7th. Similar Stamps but circle in octagonal frame. 8d. orange, one shilling rose, red, pale pink, red-brown; perforated and unperforated.

8th 1856. Head of Queen (crowned) to left in rectangular frame, POSTAGE in curve at top, value in words below, inscription NEW SOUTH WALES goes round the Stamp. Value in white letters 1d. red, orange, vermilion; 2d. blue.

9th. Value in dark letters on white label 3d. green

10th. Bust of Queen, crowned, to left: flowers on circular disk. NEW SOUTH WALES at top in small old English letters, value below in large '5 shillings, violet' perforated and non-perforated.

11th. 1862. Head of Queen, crowned to the left in rectangular frame, NEW SOUTH WALES in scroll at top, value below, in words. Postage at left side, Two PENCE at right, colored impression on white paper perforated; 2d. blue, light and dark.

12th. 1864. Profile of Queen (crowned) to left in an oval border, leaves in four corners, usual inscription at top, value below, colored impression on white paper, perforated 1d. red.

13th. 1864. NEWSPAPER STAMP. Imbossed profile of Queen, crowned, to left, within an oval, stars on four sides. POSTAGE ONE PENNY at top, NEW SOUTH WALES below, 1d. red.

Newly Issued Stamps.

We have to apologize to our readers this month for the non appearance of our usual illustrations: but really the fault is not our own it lies wholly with our engraver who somehow or other appears to have forgotten us. But perhaps we should not blame the *Gazette's* "Special Artist" to hastily; he may have forwarded our engravings at the usual time, and the bad state of the roads prevented their arriving as early as formerly. We would have delayed the publication of our paper until the cuts arrived, but desirous of being up to time we concluded to issue without them, asking the kind indulgence of our readers for so doing. We now prepare to make known to the timbrophilic world the newly issued Stamps which appeared last month.

SERVIA.—Five Stamps have been issued for Servia, 1 para green, 2p. brown, 10 p. yellow, 20p. rose, and 40p. blue, perforated and printed

in colour on white paper. Design, in the centre of a rectangular frame is a bust of his Highness Michael Obreuwitz Prince of Servia. Head to the left in a small circle in the centre, round the circle is a string of pearls over which at top is a band containing the inscription, the value is expressed in figures and words at bottom and a figure denoting the value is to be noticed in the four corners.

A correspondent writes as follows regarding these Stamps and appears to have good authority for speaking as he does. "The new SERVIA which the *Philatelist* calls imposters are most decidedly genuine."

MONTEVIDEO.—A new Stamp for Montevideo has just been issued, 1 cent black.

PERU.—A valued European correspondent sends us these items, "the new Peru. (described in our last) are *receipt* Stamps only"—"the large figure Argentine so puffed up by Mr. Overy Taylor in the S. C. Magazine are *reprints*. The Argentine Government are reprinting all the old issues and offering them in immense quantities, irrespective of facial value. A continental dealer has just been offered a large package for £200."

PORTUGAL.—A 5 reis black of the new issue has just received a place among its *confreres*.

CASHMERE.—The European Magazines are describing Stamps said to have been issued for this country. The last one is a sort of a square frame; in the centre are a number of hieroglyphics to explain the meaning of which would "puzzle a conjuror" considerably. The color is yellow. We will endeavour to obtain further information about these Stamps and the country which is supposed to produce them, and make our readers acquainted with the result of our search when completed.

TURKEY.—Has issued three or four more local Stamps.

DRESDEN EXPRESS CO.—A $\frac{1}{2}$ neugroschen, yellow, rectangular is out.

VICTORIA.—The 10d. is now pink, colored impression on colored paper, perforated, same design as formerly.

In addition to the Bavaria *fur retourbriefe* for Munich and Bamberg, we have now received some for Nurnberg, and Augsburg. The type is the same as the Munich.

BELGIUM.—On the 1st Jany. we may expect a 2c. same design as the 1c. and 5c.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Soon we shall have a 1d. and 6d. for these Islands. The design represents a draped female figure holding in her right hand a lamp, in her left a branch. On her head a glory, name above, value in words at foot. 1d. green, 6d. carmine.

VANCOUVER'S ISLAND.—The 10c. blue is now not perforated.

(WRITTEN EXPRESSLY FOR THE "GAZETTE.")

THE VOW.

A TALE OF LOVE—BLOOD—THUNDER—AND HAPPINESS.

BY STELLA MACKAY.

CHAPTER I.—THE HERO.

It was a balmy evening in December on the vine-clad slopes of New Brunswick. The sun had gone down in a sea of glory—taking a small portion of the insufferable heat with him so that people began to breathe again in the ancient city of Sanjax. The thermometer immediately sank to fever heat—and the fair ladies reclining under the balconies began to muster strength to fan themselves.

Trinity Church clock slowly tolled the hour of seven, as a young man might have been seen emerging from one of the palatial freestone dwellings in York Point. In sooth, he was a gallant youth, not more than 41 summers had passed over his head, and still he wore his hair in ringlets two feet long—owing to the magic influences of Mrs. Allen's Zylobalsamum. He was fully 5 feet in height and the ringlets aforesaid flowed down over his back, and were tied with a red ribbon. His eyes were a splendid green-grey—his mouth had a fine expression like a man used to eat mashed potatoes with his knife, also to keep a bright look out for destiny. He was clad in a thin summer suit befitting the season—on his head he wore a three cornered cocked hat and a white feather—and a massive sword was by his side—also across his back was lightly slung a sweet guitar. He goes to serenade his love.

CHAPTER II.—THE HEROINE.

A maiden reclined on a piazza, at the front of one of the proudest palaces on Drury Lane—I can't describe her to you adequately—she was an airy sylph of 39 winters and weighed 347 lbs—her eyes were a delightful yellow-green her hair was a beautiful red—her form was magnificent, there was such a lot of it, and her expression was as tender as that of a bear with the whooping cough. She also is airily clad in gossamer, and even then the heat is so oppressive that she can scarcely breathe. In short, though very tall, she was a child of nature—and her name was Jane. But why is she so restless why scaneth she the surroundings. She loves and she waits for her lover, the gallant youth alluded to in our last chapter—she sighs and murmurs "Oh, my sweet Alphonso why come you not to your lonely Jane—perhaps some other fair one, but no—he is young, yet I can trust him—but alas I fear me some of these maids more advanced in years than myself may have deluded him—I am so girlish and know so little of the world—but hush, I hear his guitar—he sings—in sweetest melody, our favourite air from the opera of Norma."

"Ten thousand tom-cats
Came rushing o'er the woodshed
And I alone—unarmed!
I seized my trenchant tomahawk
Dyed with the blood of a thousand battle-fields
But caught the seat of my pantaloons,
Getting over the garden fence,
And there I hung transfixed."

"The song is ended and he comes—I rush into his arms. Just as the lovely Jane was about to carry into effect her amiable intentions a dark form strode from the shrubbery and grasping Alphonso's arm, sternly said "rash man remember your vows!" Jane fainted—Alphonso fled—the dark form laughed an awful laugh and strode awaywhence it came.

CHAPTER III.—THE VOW.

Alphonso fled—heedlessly, and caring not whither—it still rung in his ears "your vow"—what did it mean? 'Twas thus Jane's princely father was a stamp collector, and on his death bed bequeathed her his fortune of fifty millions of dollars and his splendid collection of fourteen stamps—and also he made her swear that she would never enter into connubial felicity until her lover could produce an undoubtedly genuine 40 c. Belgium, perforated, 13 by 15. Thus she swore not knowing the terrible undertaking she was working for the gorgeous Alphonso. Then Alphonso was called in and deposited to the same effect—and the Duke of Lily Lake joined the lovers' hands with these words "my children it will be years before the condition can be fulfilled, but I make the condition solely for that reason that you may grow older for you know you are too young to marry yet. Alphonso I give you this great armful of treasure and with her my fortune—but remember your vow. At these words the venerable Duke who had seen enough of the world, thought he might as well go, and he went. The scene so gloriously depicted in chapter two was two months after his obsequies, and the vow was not fulfilled; alas poor short sighted man to place such an unpassable barrier between two loving hearts—live on young hearts all will yet be well.

CHAPTER IV.—THE PURSUIT.

Five years have passed since Alphonso fled—and the vow is not fulfilled—Alphonso looks older, and Mrs. Allen's Zylobalsamum ceases to invigorate his hair. He has been on a five years' chase after that 40c. Belgium 13 by 15, and he has got it. He has had a diplomatic correspondence, also personal conversations with the Count of Belgium, and learned that only one stamp of the kind wanted, was ever made and that one for an Englishman—he has hunted that Englishman till he fled from England—chased him to the Mauritius, thence to the Cape of Good Hope—thence all over the world till we find him close on his trail in the same month of the year in which our tale opens, and in the same place—the balmy month of December in the city of Sanjax amid the vine-clad

hills of New Brunswick—he goes to see the beauteous Jane—again is she reclining on the Piazza, again sounds the melody of that classic air—again she rushes frantically to his arms—and again they are parted; but not by the dark form mentioned before, but by the Englishman who is rushing madly to escape from Sanjax, having just heard his pursuer is in the city. Alphonso stretches forth his hand and clutches him as he flies—with a triumphant shriek he cries, "give me that 40c. Belgium perforated 13 by 15 or die—" and with these cruel words his massive broadsword flashed in the evening twilight!—It was an awful moment!"

CHAPTER V.—THE DUEL.

The Englishman looked at Alphonso and cried "wherefore have you the right to demand it—the King of Belgium made it for me and me alone—death sooner than dishonor, give me but the chance on a fair field and no favor and the one who lives shall own the stamp. "Agreed" cried Alphonso and drawing another massive broadsword from his waistcoat pocket he handed it to Sir Splithair, and the terrific battle began. After they had fought for 22 hours they began to grow a little exhausted, and rested awhile on their laurels, but when about to resume the fight, Jane who had lain in a dead faint awoke and rushed between the combatants exclaiming "I am the cause of all, *kill me*." It was an exciting point, but neither of them killed her—and Sir Splithair demands an explanation—it is given. A convulsive shudder passes over his manly frame, he reels, and clutches several posts of the piazza. Alphonso grimly smiles. There is an intermission of fifteen minutes allowed Sir Splithair to recover himself—at length he does so—he steps towards the pair and says in tragic tones, "young people I will no more part you, take the stamp and happiness—I give it up and with it I give my dearest hopes—but, alas! I am a childless man and have none to whom to transmit my treasure Take it and be happy, but when in after years groups of happy children play around you, bestow a thought upon the lonely grave of him who invented a 40c. Belgium perforated 13 by 15"—he concluded—they raised their eyes to thank him but the magnanimous Baronet was gone—They were married the next day, and lived happy ever afterwards—and it is said that on the anniversary of that balmy night in December in which our tale unfolds the spirit of the deceased Duke of Lily Lake may be seen crossing the piazza murmuring "The Vow is fulfilled."

THE END.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 96 letters.

My 95, 86, 53, 76, 16, 67, 43, 4, 89, 62, 74, 51,
85, 40, 87, 27, 91, 84, 24, 83, 63, 78, 82, 69,
90, 96, 38, 81, 48, 10, 33, 59, 75, 71, 80, 78
22, 31, are often collected by Philatelists.
" 18, 28, 60, 54, 1, 20, 83, 61, 8, 14, 77, 92,

57, 64, 65, 7, 40, 79, 66, 38, 88, 9, inscription on a Stamp.

" 70, 36, 39, 41, 44, 68, 93, 23, 11, 45, 52, 76, 82, 49, 74, 21, 7, 86, inscription on a Stamp.

" 96, 31, 22, 33, 38, 77, 10, 37, 63, 14, 16, 13, 43, inscription on a Postage Stamp.

" 47, 58, 2, 25, 50, 56, 79, 66, 86, 40, 25, 68, 5, 70, 90, inscription on a Stamp.

" 63, 96, 32, 7, 34, 22, 72, 49, 30, 15, 83, 89, 25, 88, 2, 14, 49, 16, 28, inscription on an essay.

" 3, 66, 92, 58, 35, 46, 85, 14, 94, 37, 20, 40, 6, 88, 28, 70, 75, 19, 33, 29, 68, 35. Are well known to American Stamp Collectors.

" 26, 55, 96, 10, 89, 40, 45, 17, 91, 93, 38, 74, 42, 72, 92, 12, 79, 7, 40, 86, 25, is an obsolete Stamp.

My whole are Stamp publications.

NETTIE V.

(Answer next issue).

Answer to enigma in last number. "*The one shilling Standard Guide to Postage Stamp collecting by Messrs Bellars and Davies and Postage Stamp forgeries by J. M. Stourton.*"

The above enigma must have been very difficult to solve, and up to the present time of writing no answers have reached our office. We really cannot tell how it is, that our enigma solvers, who formerly so readily and promptly sent in their answers, have lately neglected to do so, unless it be that the enigmas now presented for solution are so terribly hard. We hope to see a better "turn out" in this respect than heretofore, this month.

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CHAPTER II.

Charles Rivers was seated at his desk in his snug little office in the village, having just closed the review of an important point of law to which he had been giving his attention. He looked at his watch, it was just four. The hours of business were over; and Charles Rivers was quite as punctual in leaving at the proper hour as he was in arriving. He was just about turning the key in his office door, when Dr. Bland rode up to it.

"Hullo! Lemuel, where the deuce have you been? Your horse looks as much splashed with mud as if he had been over Sackville marsh!"

"I have not been to the deuce, my good Charlie," replied the doctor; "but I have been riding for life and death to see a man in Nappan, who injured himself badly by falling from the roof of a house; and I thought as I was coming home I'd just turn in your way to see if you would not come over and take a quiet cup of tea with me.

By-the-by, I'd like to know what sort of time that new mare of yours makes in the sulky. They say she is fast: though as you have had her so short a time, I suppose you have never tested her speed."

"I have, though; and I tell you what it is, she makes the dust fly when there is any wind,—at other times the mud.

What do you think of 2.43 and that on an ordinary road?"

"Impossible."

"Fact; but I'll yoke her up, and show you how she drives. That cantering rascal of yours will have to be spry if he means to keep alongside of me."

Charles Rivers started for the stable at the hotel where his horse was, and was soon driving his fast trotter out towards his house at a tremendous

pace, the doctor galloping alongside, and keeping up a rapid conversation with him.

The doctor had for some time been on excellent terms with Charles Rivers, and many did not hesitate to call them fast friends. This was, however, scarcely correct. There was, perhaps, too much difference in their tastes and habits to make them so; but still they had a very high respect for each other.

Of late, the doctor had been particularly friendly, and he and Charles were now very frequently together, and seemed to seek each other's society. This was only one of the frequent occasions in which the doctor was in the habit of inviting Rivers to his house.

"Pull up, Charlie, or you will kill that beast of yours," exclaimed Dr. Bland, after they had proceeded rapidly for some distance. "A merciful man," &c.; you know the rest."

"I hate texts, but that is no reason why I should kill my mare; so, 'pull up' is the word."

"That beast trots famously. I am not so sure, but your timing was correct. I have not seen a trotter for many a day that stood old Rambler such a tough gallop as your's has done to-day."

"Did you ever see her match?"

"I think I have one that is almost her equal."

"Where?"

"In my stable. He is a new beast; just got him to-day. He is said to be very fast."

"Where did you get him?"

"He was brought from Annapolis for me. Perhaps you would like to try him."

"Yes, I would."

"Very well, we'll have him put in the sulky when we get to the house, and you can see what there is in him."

As soon as the friends got to the stable they went to have a look at the horse, and even Charlie who was a critic in such matters could find no fault with him. There he stood,—a tall, straight-looking horse, full seventeen hands and coal-black, without a single white hair.

"Is not he a beauty?" said the doctor.

Charles could only echo the sentiment.

When tea was over, Dr. Bland called his man and told him to put the new horse in the sulky and bring him to the door.

"Lead him by the head," said the doctor as he was closing the door.

In a few minutes they went out to the verandah in front of the house to wait for the new horse. They had not to wait long. They had not exchanged ten words when they heard the quick tramp of a horse's hoof on the ground, and in an instant the horse flew past the end of the house with the speed of the ostrich of the desert. One of the shafts of the sulky was still attached to his harness; the rest of it was gone. He rushed through the gateway into the road and was out of sight in a moment.

"Good God!" exclaimed Rivers, "what has happened?" the doctor was mute, neither spoke nor moved; he was evidently paralyzed with wonder and perhaps with fear.

Rivers ran past the house towards the barn, and there he saw a sight that was not soon to be forgotten—there in the pathway lay the broken fragments of the sulky, and a little beyond the stable a man stone dead with the mark of a horse's shoe deeply indented in his forehead. It had crushed into his brain, and he had evidently died instantaneously.

If Rivers was speechless with horror, it is not surprising. To behold a man killed in an instant, in his prime and strength, whom he had seen five minutes before full of health and "lusty life" was surely a sight to appal the strongest heart. And, again, the thought that the very same accident might have happened to him lent additional horror to the scene. The tragedy was easily explained. The domestics had seen it all from the windows, the man had jumped into the sulky to drive round to the door. In an instant the horse started—kicked out with both heels straight at the man's head—smashed the sulky to atoms and then galloped like a demon down the road.

"And this," thought Rivers, is what might have happened to me, had I been unfortunate enough to get behind that accursed devil of a horse."

In the meantime the doctor had partly recovered his self-possession, and joined the party which had gathered round the corpse. But the face of the dead man was not whiter than his own, and his hand was scarcely as cold. He had not yet spoken a word—his tongue seemed to have lost the power of articulation, and his voice was seemingly gone.

"Speak!" cried Rivers "where did you get this horse. The man who sold him to you if he knew of his tricks is a murderer—a wilful murderer!"

"This seemed to have the effect of raising the doctor from his lethargy. With a strong effort he broke the spell which seemed to seal his lips, and his voice as he spoke was strong as before.

"Yes, a vile murderer. He has killed that man. O God it is awful—cut off so suddenly! May the Lord have mercy on his soul!"

As he spoke Dr. Bland sat down on the steps and covered his face with his handkerchief. He was weeping; yes, weeping bitterly.

In the mean time, the body had been carried into the next house. The Coroner was sent for, a jury sworn, and a verdict found in accordance with the facts of the case. In two days the remains of the unfortunate man were consigned to its kindred clay, there soon to be forgotten by all, except by a widowed mother whose only support he had been.

The morning after this accident took place, Charles Rivers rode over to see Dr. Bland. When he came to meet him he seemed pale and toil-worn.

"Lemuel," said Rivers, "I want to buy that horse; name your price."

"What do you want of him?"

"I have a particular use for him."

"Take him then, I will ask nothing for him. Only keep him out of my sight."

"I prefer buying him."

"Very well, then, a nominal price. He cost me forty pounds; you shall have him for five."

"A bargain; here is the money."

Rivers led the horse away with him in triumph, refusing to gratify Dr. Bland's curiosity as to what he intended to do with him. They were not, however, long kept in the dark. He put the brute in one of his own fields, went to the house got his rifle, and shot him dead, remarking as he did so that he would never kill any more men, and expressing at the same time the uncharitable hope that the fellow who sold him to Dr. Bland might get his brains kicked out in like manner.

Charles Rivers took good care that the mother of the unfortunate man should not suffer. He sent her everything she required, and in addition, forty pounds in money, being the value of the horse which had killed her son.

A day or two after these events took place, Rivers received a note from Ellen Foster requesting his presence at tea that evening.—Charles Rivers was constantly at the house of Miss Foster, and an invitation of this kind was something unusual as he was in the habit of going there to tea, without being asked whenever it suited him; and he and Ellen Foster were almost like brother and sister. He therefore fully expected to meet some strangers there this time, but was deceived. None but Miss Foster and her father were present.

"Well Charlie" said old Mr. Foster affectionately shaking hands with the youth, "glad to see you, where have you been for the last week? Ellen thought something had happened to you and sent over a note to see if you were alive. How does the mare go, by the way?"

"D—! excuse me, I should have said a plague to all trotting horses! That poor ostler's death has quite turned me against them."

"Yes, that was dreadful. I don't wonder, Lucky for you, you were not behind him."

Ellen just then came in, and after shaking hands with Charles told him that she wanted him to go with her after tea to Amherst.

"We can ride over," she said, "on horseback and a smart gallop will do us no harm. If we can persuade Alice to come with us all the better."

"Very well, I shall be happy to go with you. As for Alice, I have not seen her for these three or four days. One thing or another has always interposed."

"Well, you are a nice man surely to be engaged to my cousin, and not go to see her for so long a time; you should be ashamed of yourself! If I had a beau I'd teach him better."

"Poor girl! you have none, have you?"

"None at all."

"You forget Edward Bland."

"Oh, no; but he's away, you know,—I mean here."

"All very fine. Miss Ellen, but I guess he's the 'coming man' absent or present."

Edward Bland of whom we have here made mention for the first time was a twin brother of the doctor's, but in every respect his contrast, both in looks and disposition. He was, to tell the truth, not a little like Charles Rivers whose friend he had been at college, and the resemblance extended to their habits as well as their looks. He was a lawyer, also, and had been absent in Europe for some months on a tour previously to his commencing the practice of his profession. He was, however, expected home soon. People said that he was engaged to Ellen Foster, and there was doubtless some truth in the report.

After tea the horses were brought round to the door, and Charles and Ellen cantered down the avenue.

"Charles," she said, as soon as they reached the wood, "I have something very serious to say to you. I intend not to give you a scolding which I think you deserve, but to warn you that Alice has heard something of your career at college which has given her great pain. Her mother, also, knows of it, and in short, it has produced a feeling against you in their minds which will require extra good behaviour on your part to eradicate and efface."

"Of what have they heard?"

"Of your drinking, &c., and, to speak generally, being a very wild young man."

"And Alice knows this?"

"She does."

"Who is her informer?"

"I cannot say, some vulgar old gossip I suppose."

"What does she propose to do about the matter, I wonder?"

"I do not know, but I know this, that Alice was very near not seeing you again—and had she taken her mother's advice your chances of making explanations would be small."

"Making explanations!" Charles' face flushed, and he spoke with asperity if not with

anger. "They shall get no explanations from me. If I have been a wild young man, that is my own affair. Let them leave the past alone. It is enough for them to look at the present and the future. Miss Alice is commencing her censorship of my conduct rather early."

"Nay, Charles, you are rash and wrong her. She has defended you before her mother, and expressed her disapprobation of her mother's wish for her to break the engagement."

"If I do her wrong, I am sorry; but why does her mother interfere?"

"She probably thinks it her duty to do so. It is not improbable that her regard for her child's happiness prompts her to speak."

"Or her wish to mix her piety up with my affairs."

"Possibly a little of both."

By this time they had reached Mrs. Alton's, and were met at the door by Alice. She readily agreed to accompany them to Amherst, and her greeting to Charles was affectionate and kind as ever. She evidently still accorded to him the highest place in her heart. Charles, on the contrary, was cold and formal with her, and seemed so chilling in his manner towards her, that she was more than once tempted to ask him the cause. It was well she did not do so, for he then was in no humor for reasoning or listening to reason,—he was experiencing the worst of all feelings,—that of being angry with himself. To an upbraiding mind, conscious of its own folly, this is the sting of the ad-der which gnaws at the heart without the power to remove it.

Ellen Foster observed the constraint under which the lovers were labouring, and, as usual, ridiculed them for it.

"Well, you are a pretty pair of love-birds. Is that the way you intend to treat each other through life? Come, make up your differences I am ashamed of you, Charles. You have been entirely in the wrong, and do you expect to mend the matter by displaying your anger? I will leave you for a little and gallop on ahead. If by the time I return you have not become as good friends as ever I will disown you both." So saying the high spirited girl urged her horse to a gallop and left them.

No differences are in general so easily settled as those of lovers, and it was therefore not long until Charles and Alice came to an amiable understanding, Charles confessed his rashness and haste, and Alice promised to pay no heed to anything she heard of his past life.

They joined Ellen again in a few moments and after a short canter were in Amherst. After they had transacted their business there they turned their faces slowly homeward.

They had just come to one of those places so common in all our provincial highways where the road had been changed and a new one run a few rods from the old one. A thin screen of small spruce bushes separated the two roads. Darkness was just coming on and objects were

not distinctly visible many yards off—the party was coming along at a slow pace talking and laughing and every one appearing to enjoy the affair. Rivers was rather behind the rest of the party, his horse on a slow walk, suddenly he heard the bark of a dog close behind him. His horse started; the same instant he heard the report of a gun and felt something pass through his hair. The person who had fired at him had evidently been in the bushes. He spurred his horse into them rapidly, and the same instant a horseman emerged and galloped down the old road. The man had a large cloak thrown over him which entirely covered and concealed his figure so that it was impossible to make out his identity. Rivers pressed his horse to his utmost speed in pursuit. For a moment he seemed to gain on the strange horseman but only for a moment. The stranger gave his horse the spur and in a few seconds left Rivers hopelessly behind so that nothing remained for him to do but to give up the pursuit.

He returned to where he had left the ladies, and found them half speechless with astonishment and horror. Such an occurrence was an unheard of thing in Nova Scotia. It seemed like bringing the customs of the Comanche Indians among civilized men.

"Could you not catch him?" asked Ellen as soon as she could speak.

"Catch him—no; his horse went like the wind. I could not ride to within gun shot of him."

"Was he so fast—"

"Fast,—I know of only one horse in the country that can gallop as he did."

"Which is he?"

"Dr. Bland's Rambler. Nothing but a locomotive can overhaul the long legg'd rascal; and it's my belief that the fellow who shot at me to-night was either mounted on him or the devil."

"Nonsense, Charlie."

"Of course it must be nonsense; but this fellow galloped in Rambler's style, with that infernal grinding of his hoofs in the gravel as he went, and throwing it back behind him a hundred feet or more, besides making as much noise as a mail coach."

"Can you form no idea who the man was?"

"Not the slightest; his cloak hid him effectually."

Thus conversing on the astounding occurrence, they went homeward. Alice had nearly fainted with terror for Charles' safety, and Ellen was not by any means easy in mind.

The astonishment and alarm which this event produced in both families can be more easily imagined than told. So closely had the bullet grazed Charles Rivers' head; that the skin was even slightly touched. Nothing but the starting of his horse saved him, for he had evidently been fired at by an accomplished marksman, and the aim taken with murderous accuracy. The tidings soon spread over the country, every person was alarmed for their own safety. Charles

Rivers was the last person, people thought, who should become the victim. Such a daring plot,—for he was universally liked and admired. He had not, it was thought, a single enemy in the country; but the design of the miscreant who fired at him was evidently murder. He had no doubt waited his arrival, concealing himself in the screen of bushes between the two roads, until the moment arrived when he might slay him with impunity.

The magistrates talked about holding an investigation, but it was not so easy to investigate a matter where there was nothing to work upon, no clue to seize hold of which might lead to the detection of the offender.

Dr. Bland was inexpressibly shocked when he heard of the danger to which his friend had been exposed.

"It was horrible," he said, "shocking, lamentable, to think that man should attempt the life of his fellow man."

He offered his aid to discover the assassin, and next morning in company with Charles, started for the spot where the fellow had been concealed. He was mounted on a small, low set Canadian horse which he sometimes used when Rambler was used up with hard driving. Charles rode his iron grey, "Wolf," the same he had used the evening before.

They reached the place, tied their horses to a tree, and went in to make an examination. The ground was soft among the spruce bushes, and they could see plainly the track of the horse's feet where he had been reined with his side to the road in the most favorable position for a sudden start as soon as the gun was fired.

The track was a large one, evidently that of a large and powerful horse, and they could trace his course out to the old road which was some yards distant, and from thence over the sod which now covered the old road, some two hundred yards, until it joined the new one. They could see the track of every bound he had made as he galloped along; and such bounds—full sixteen feet every jump.

"By heavens!" cried Charles, suddenly, after regarding one of those tremendous tracks attentively for some moments, "the horse the fellow rode had legs galloped excessively like your Rambler. Just such a track as he'd make too. Is it not, doctor? By the by, where is Rambler,—you don't ride him to-day?"

"I've had him for some days in my back pasture. I used him up badly that last ride I took to Nappan, and am giving him a rest. But as you remarked, that certainly does look like his track. It would be rather curious, would it not, if some villain had been stealing the horse of one friend to aid him in his attempt to murder the other."

"Curious, indeed. Wolf can gallop some, but that horse ran away from him, just as if I had been standing still, when his rider put him out a little."

They had not ridden far down the new road,

when Charles Rivers pulled up his horse, and at the same time uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"Look!" he said, pointing to the earth.

The doctor looked in the direction indicated. Yes, there it was again. There was the same large track in the soft mud at the entrance of a gateway on the side of the road. The gate was a high one, but the horse had evidently gone clear over it, as there was the deep indentation of his feet where he had landed on the other side. The field was an old meadow, covered with thick grass, where it was impossible to follow his track.

"What do you think of that for a jump, doctor?" asked Rivers.

"A high leap, certainly; a good horse and a bold rider I should say."

"And not a bad marksman, if I may be allowed to judge by the hole in my hat."

"Not bad; but we had better go to the back pasture and see if any one has been tampering with Rambler."

To the doctor's back pasture they went accordingly, and had no difficulty in finding the horse. An examination soon convinced them that he had been driven hard the night before, and his sides were well gored by the marks of the spur.

"Yes," said Dr. Bland, "it is just as I thought. Some infamous rascal has evidently stolen him to aid his vile attempt to murder you."

"If the brute could only speak," said Rivers, "we might get the truth out of him. He cannot, however, and it is useless speculating on that point. Rambler was clearly the horse, but who was the rider?"

"Ah," said the doctor, "that question is a difficult one to answer."

(To be Continued.)

Newly Issued Stamps.

MONTEVIDEO.—This country has issued, in addition to its new set of Postage Stamps, two envelopes for franking the official correspondence of the Postal authorities. They are both printed on the flaps of the envelopes, and in design are as follows: 1st. In the centre of an oval the arms of Montevideo appear, at the top of which is the rising sun; inscription, *SERVICIO DE CORREOS* above, and *MONTEVIDEO* below; color, blue; the other is also oval, but not upright and differs from its *confrere* considerably: the arms in the centre and sun are smaller, the inscription is *ADMINISTRACION DE CORREOS* at top and *MONTEVIDEO* at bottom: the centre oval containing the arms, has two scrolls leading from it, at top, right and left sides. The left side has *REPUBLICA*, the other *DE URUGUAY*; color red.

SERVIA.—Of the set of five new Stamps which we chronicled last month, the 1 and 2

paras have been removed, and two others identical in value, but widely different in design, have come forth to do duty in their stead. Design: within an unperforated, rectangular frame is a pearled circle containing the royal arms, with robes of state, at top of which is a crown. The name of the country is above and value below. 1 para green on rose, 2 paras red brown on mauve, unwatermarked.

PRUSSIA. Among the relics of the sanguinary struggle in which this country took a prominent part, are two more field Post Stamps, which have lately been found. We will describe one. Upon an envelope, is made an impression with a circular hand-stamp, in black ink; the Russian Eagle crowned, in the centre and *K. PREUSS. 4. RHEIN. LANDW. REGT. NO. 30* goes round the top, at the bottom is *3 BATAILLON, 2 tes TRIER.*

ITALY. The long expected 20 centesimi is out.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—We would inform our transatlantic brethren that the labels now offered for sale, in the European Philatelic market, as essays for this Island, are most decidedly bogus. No such essays have been authorized to appear. For the amusement of our subscribers in Prince Edward Island we will describe this *essay* (?) In an oblong frame is a steamer, sailing towards the right, figure 10 in four corners, *PRINCE EDWARDS ISLAND POSTAGE* at top, *TEN CENTS* below, frame ornamented with fancy work, black on yellow paper, unperforated and unwatermarked. How do you like your *new* Stamp fellow-colonists? Ain't it splendid? What a pity the bright, translucent genius who caused the *essay* to be made did not know that Prince Edward and not Prince Edward's Island was the correct thing. How cruel in us to expose his little *coup de Philatelie*, and how sad it is to think over his ruined hopes! But let us leave this affecting scene and turn our attention to things more pleasant.

LUXEMBOURG.—37½c. is now bistre, formerly green.

QUEENSLAND.—A new four-pence, same design as present issue: color mauve on white unwatermarked paper, has just been issued.

CEYLON.—Our London Philatelic Correspondent writes us as follows. "I have just been shown a new Stamp for the Island of Ceylon, which I here describe: in an rectangular frame within a circle is a profile of Queen Victoria to the left, in a corner at top is *CEYLON*, below *THREE PENCE*, watermarked *C. C.* (Crown Colonies) with crown, perforated and printed in pink on white glazed paper. Will endeavour to send copies next mail for your inspection."

SHANGHAI.—A new set has appeared, similar in design, to the former issue.

Several other Stamps will be noticed next month.

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* * Other letters will receive our immediate attention.

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CHEAP POSTAGE.

We are pleased to observe by our exchanges, that the Postal arrangements in our own and other countries begin to receive attention in influential quarters; and the prospect is that before a great while, increased facilities and important reductions will be made on carrying rates. The commercial community seems fully alive to the desirability of the changes indicated; and, as the Postal service is not one of party, there is a fair prospect, that, with a little agitation, such modifications will be made in our inland postage, as will bring it more into unison with the enlightened and liberal policy of the mother country. In former articles we have pointed out some of the incongruities of Postal rates in British America, and it is satisfactory to us, as it must be to every New Brunswicker, to learn that this matter has been occupying the attention of the Post Master General, and that we are promised a reduction in our foreign or United States Postage, as soon as our sister provinces will assent thereto. The reduction, it is said, will be from 10 to 5 cents on letters of the usual weight, carried from this to the States and *vice versa*. The head of our Postal department deserves credit for this onward step, and we hope that he will not fail to follow it up until his efforts are crowned with success. We would also like to see him use his influence with his colleagues and others in endeavouring to obtain for this province, at least, a FREE DELIVERY of letters. The present system is very unsatisfactory and opposed to the spirit of the age. It leads to a great waste of valuable time, when change has to be made or waited for, or a receipt for a registered letter signed, as it often happens, and is degrading we think

to a hard worked class of public servants, to compel them to collect their pay in two cent dribblets. The letter-carriers, like other employees, should be on fixed salaries. Why should they, any more than the clerks at the window be paid in fees? We certainly can see no good reason for the one more than the other and hope that Postmaster General McMillan will still further signalize his term of office, by giving us a free delivery as well as a reduced rate of postage.

In making these suggestions we do not desire to put ourselves forward as knowing more than other people, nor have it understood that any of the contemplated alterations have come of the hints we may have given heretofore in relation to Postal affairs. Our vanity we hope will never lead us into egotism. We are more anxious for the changes, than the credit of them. Nor is the subject new; it has received the study of the thoughtful, in all phases of life, for many years past; and, after the cheap postage experience of the mother country, it does not require more than ordinary intelligence to enable any one to make up his mind as to what should be done in British America. Let us therefore, Mr. P. M. G., have cheap letter, cheap book, and cheap parcel Postage with free delivery, and your name and management will mark an era in the Postal history of the province.

Messrs Geo. P. Rowell & Co., the great advertising agents of Boston, and New York, have sent us a copy of their paper, the *Advertiser's Gazette*, which starts with a monthly circulation of 10,000 copies. It is handsomely printed on an excellent quality of paper, is well got up, and the articles and items are exceedingly interesting to every one, whilst the subscription price, is only one dollar a year. Address *Advertising Gazette*, Boston, Mass.

We are indebted to Thos. Kirwan, Esq., publisher, of Summerside P. E. I. for a copy of the *Progress Magazine* whose first number appeared last month. It is composed of original and selected articles in prose and verse, presents a very creditable appearance, and we trust that its proprietor will receive sufficient remuneration of a pecuniary character to enable him to enlarge it. It is issued monthly at \$ 1.00 per annum.

That thriving little place—Wolfville, Nova Scotia,—not only possesses a Seminary,—where so many of our St. John young ladies go to get 'book larnin,'—a College for young gentlemen, and other educational institutions, but also a first class weekly newspaper, containing well-written editorials (not the bosh so often found in country newspapers) poetry, tales, essays, news items, &c. The name of this print is *The Acadian* and \$1.00 is the annual subscription price.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE PHILATELIST, *Brighton, Stafford Smith & Co.*—This is the highly appropriate title of a first class monthly of some 16 pages, whose first No., appeared December 1st, 1866. That it will be hailed with delight by the now tens of thousands of collectors throughout the globe, we cannot doubt, for the "get up" is certainly admirable, whilst the engravings, articles, paper, and printing cannot be excelled. The cover is quite elaborate; at the top, in the centre, is a portrait of Sir Rowland Hill, the great champion of Cheap Postage, and in the four corners are cuts of Stamps, the whole printed in deep black. The "drawist" as Artemus Ward would say, or the engraver or whoever it was, has made a sad mistake, (in our eyes), in having the cover printed so very black: happily all tastes are not alike.

Mr. Pemberton contributes a paper on Forged Stamps which will be continued in succeeding numbers until finished and also on the Water-marked Victorian Stamps which is very acceptable to Timbrophilists, interested in water-marks. The article on "Philately" is a capital one, and the rest of the contents consisting of Newly Issued Stamps, Reviews, Postal scraps, Correspondence, &c., are well written and exceedingly interesting. We wish the new enterprise every success, and hope that it will live to a good old age.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S MAGAZINE, *Bath, Alfred Smith & Co.*—The continued prosperity of this well conducted periodical proves beyond a doubt that Stamp collecting instead of "dying out" as many old fogies, would have us believe, is rapidly on the increase. The number before us commences the fifth volume and fully sustains its well established character as an authority on all matters relating to Philately. The reading matter, illustrations, paper and type are all that can be desired by the most fastidious. We need scarcely say more of this really meritorious publication, further than that every collector should have it.

We have received from the publisher Mr. W. M. Wright a List of the shipping registered at this port, compiled by Controller Smith. It is of incalculable value to those for whom it is specially designed, and is printed with that neatness so characteristic of Mr. Wright's office.

The first number of the St. John monthly *Cadet*, a new temperance paper, has been laid on our table. It is very creditably got up, and is only 30 cents a year.

A new bi-monthly Magazine, entitled *The Progressive Review*, of some 12 pages, published at 40 cents, (U. S. cy.), per annum, by Shirk and Stibgen of Mount Joy, Pa., has just reached us. It is replete with interesting tales and articles.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

MONTEVIDEO.

Inscription in block letters. Value twice in figures. Oblong. 120 centesimos, blue; 180 c., green; 240 c., red.

GENUINE.

The numerals indicating the value of the stamps are on a level with 'Cents.'

All the lettering though thick, is small and compact, and is of a uniform size.

The word 'Correo', both on the right and left side of the stamps, touches the line above and below in several places.

N. B. The forgeries are much larger than the originals, and are generally found postmarked. The genuine are almost *always* unobliterated. The 120 cents, blue, is by far the rarest of the three, and when genuine, is almost unobtainable. I know of only one specimen genuine.

1859. Value once in figures. Oblong. 60 c., pale brown; 80 c., yellow; 100 c., rose; 120 c., blue; 180 c., light green; 240 c., vermillion.

GENUINE.

There is an accent over the second 'E' in 'centesimos.' Colours rather dim.

FORGED.

No accent over the second 'E' in 'centesimos.'

Colours are *bright*.

NAPLES.

1860. Arms in a circle. Rect. $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese, pale blue. (Prov. Gov).

Forgery No. 1.

GENUINE.

There is visible, where the three legs join, a small head. Letter 'T' is slightly blotched.

FORGED.

The head is wanting.

Letter 'T' is perfectly clear.

Same Device. Forgery, No. 2.

GENUINE.

Die-printed. The letter 'T' is badly done and blotched.

FORGED.

Lithographed. The letter 'T' is well done, and perfectly clear.

1857. Same device. $\frac{1}{2}$ gr., lake—circular; 50 gr., lake oval.

GENUINE.

Printed on rough and rather thick paper. After the letter 'G' there is a colon.

The horse's tail touches the shading of the circle.

N. B.—A good magnifying glass will be found indispensable in noticing the small 'G' which is found in most of the genuine copies of this stamp.

1860. White cross in a circle. Rect. $\frac{1}{2}$ torinese, pale blue.

GENUINE.

In the white line under the half, there will be found a minute 'G.'

The horse's forelegs do not touch the line which divides the compartments, and which is just in front of the animal. The *fleurs de lis* are curved, and look sharp at the ends. All the letters of the inscription are of a uniform size.

FORGED.

Printed on smooth, and very thin paper.

No stop after the letter 'G.'

The horse's tail almost, but does not quite touch the shading of the circle.

FORGED.

There is no 'G.'

The horse's forelegs touch the line which divides the compartments.

The *fleurs de lis* are not curved or pointed.

The 'B' in 'Bollo' is badly done, and seems larger than the rest of the word.

NASHVILLE.

1861. On blue paper. Rect. 5 c., crimson; 5 c., grey.

GENUINE.

Border consists of one blue narrow line.

Star to the right of word 'paid' is on a level with it.

FORGED.

Border consists of two lines, a narrow and a broad one.

Star to the right of 'paid' is slightly above it.

THE AUSTRALIAN STAMPS.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The first issue consisted of but two Stamps: 2d. brick-red, and 6d. bronze. The design was a swan on plain ground, swimming between reeds, towards the left, in octagonal transverse frame: inscription WESTERN AUSTRALIA POSTAGE, at top and sides; value below in words. Colored impression on white paper.

2nd. Similar to first issue, except that there are no reeds. The back ground consists of netted work, and the frame is not so wide.—4d. blue.

3rd. The same as No. 2, but frame oval, and the inscription is POSTAGE W. AUSTRALIA.—1 shilling brown, maroon.

4th, 1860-1865. Swan to the left on netted back-ground in transverse oblong frame, colored impression, inscribed WESTERN AUSTRALIA,

and value in words at bottom. 1d. black, red, carmine, bistre; 2d. vermillion, red, rose, yellow; 4d. red, carmine, rose; 6d. purple, brown, violet, green; 1 shilling green perforated and unperforated. Most of the old issues are water-marked with a swan, those of the current issue with a swan, C. C. Crown, &c. The Stamps of this colony bearing the perforations in the centre, are those used by the officials—not by the convicts as has been erroneously supposed—in their correspondence with the Home Government. The perforations are made so as to prevent the resident staff from prepaying their private correspondence at the public expense, without detection.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The first issue took place in 1860. Design: head of Queen Victoria to the left in a circular engine turned disk; inscription SOUTH AUSTRALIA in arched label at top, over which, in straight line, is *Postage*, value in words below, star in four corners. The ground consists of spandril and net work, perforated and not perforated, rectangular and printed in color on white paper. 1d. green; 2d. orange, red; 6d. lilac, blue, slate grey; 1 shilling yellow, brown; 6d. orange.

2nd. Profile of Queen crowned, to left in an oval border; SOUTH AUSTRALIA at top, NINE PENCE below, on reticulated ground, rectangular, colored impression and water-marked with a star.

3rd. 1865. The same Stamp (9d.) with TEN PENCE printed over the old value in blue ink. Color, deep orange red. Denticulated.

Postal Chit-Chat.

The amount of Orders drawn at the Post Office, St. John, in 1866, was \$ 20,455.08; and amount paid \$ 220,151.60. Drawn in January 1867 \$ 1922.16; same month last year \$ 1070.29. Amount paid \$ 21665.73, corresponding month 1866, \$ 12443.91.

During the quarter ending 31st January, 1867, there were drawn orders at the Post Office St. John, to the amount of \$ 5888.55; paid, \$ 55135.34. Corresponding period last year, drawn, \$ 4452.34; paid, \$ 37466.59.

POST OFFICE REGULATIONS. 1. Letters may be sent under cover of night, but the clerks are not to be enveloped in darkness. 2. Postmasters must have the Stamp of respectability about them. 3. The Post-master General is not to accept any foreign orders.—*Punch*

A LETTER OF "VITAL IMPORTANCE."—When the Earl of Elgin was Postmaster General in 1860, he gave the following as proof that, in the estimation of some people, "vital importance" is valued, at something less than five shillings. A gentleman called at the Post Office respecting a letter which he had posted, declaring that it was of "vital importance," that his application should be granted. He

was told that such an application involved much trouble, and a great departure from the ordinary rules; but that, under the special circumstances, it would be granted on his paying the clerk who would have to make the examination a gratuity of five shillings. No sooner, however, was this condition named, than the "vital importance," and the applicant at once disappeared.

FROM the Report of the U. S. P. O. Department we learn that the following Stamps were issued during the past year :

DENOMINATION.	NUMBER ISSUED.	VALUE.
1 cent Stamps	7,450,600	\$ 74,506.00
2 " "	47,554,600	951,092.00
3 " "	283,762,300	8,512,869.00
5 " "	1,204,480	60,224.00
10 " "	4,055,940	405,594.00
12 " "	994,000	119,280.00
15 " "	166,000	24,900.00
24 " "	1,911,825	458,838.00
30 " "	515,320	154,596.00
90 " "	53,840	48,456.00

Newspaper & Periodical 5, 10, & 25 cent Stamps, } 65,420 6,306.00

Total value of Stamps \$ 10,816,661.00.

2 cent Envelopes	3,514,250
3 " "	26,267,900
6 " "	348.00
9 " "	27,950
18 " "	23,750
20 " "	3,000
24 " "	27,950
30 " "	22,350
40 " "	17050
2 cent Request Envelopes	121,000
3 " "	7,538,825
6 " "	23,700
2 cent Newspaper wrappers	1,025,000
Total value	\$ 1,172,007.20
" Stamps issued	347,734,325
" Value	\$ 10,816,661.00
" Envelopes issued	38,069,725
" Value	\$ 1,151,507.25
" Wrappers issued	1,025,000
" Value	\$ 20,500.00
"	386,829,050 \$ 11,987,668.25

WHY LETTERS SOMETIMES MISCARRY.—The following is taken from one of the Annual Reports of the Post-master General :—A Postmaster in Scotland accidentally discovered a boy opening a letter which he had been sent to post, and taking from it a draft. It did not however appear that the boy had any dishonest intention; but his fancy had been attracted by an engraving on the draft, which he thought would be a pretty book-mark for one of his school-books."

New York employs 166 Letter carriers, Philadelphia, 133; Boston, 50, Chicago, 45; St. Louis 86, Baltimore, 43, Brooklyn, 33, Washington, 25; Cleveland, 21; and Cincinnati, 30.

Twenty tons, or forty eight and a half square miles of Postage Stamps are consumed annually in the United States, enough to roof a large township, with all its houses, churches, barns, gardens, forests, and farms; or if you choose to make a ribbon of them, enough to reach nearly from the equator to either poles, or twice the length of the Mississippi river. So that if everybody would be obliging enough to use the government stamp on the envelope itself, the mere omission of these little extra bits of paper would lighten the mail-bags by more than forty thousand pounds, and save in paper fifteen or twenty thousand dollars. The Postmaster General does not impart that information in so many words, but he assures us that nearly 350 millions of Stamps have been sold in the past year, besides nearly forty millions of stamped envelopes and a simple calculation reduces the story to the more tangible form we have given it.—*Scientific American*.

BLACK MAILING: A coloured individual mailing a letter.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I consist of 75 letters.

My 69, 52, 29, 2, 31, 56, 72, 55, 27, 54, 32, 11, 13, 75, inscription on a Postage Stamp.

" 61, 19, 25, 71, 15, 10, 33, 12, 1, 49, 34, 48, 42, 62, 13, 60, 36, 43, 20, 22, 65, 53, 9, 26, 6, inscription on a Stamp.

" 52, 63, 8, 4, 63, 56, 23, 66, 42, 17, 5, 33, 51, 10, is useful to collectors.

" 32, 63, 47, 42, 72, 28, 30, 50, 70, 13, 27, 29, 16, 11, 35, 24, 52, 68, 73, 51, 57, 5, is very popular.

" 45, 50, 28, 23, 34, 40, 64, 29, 5, 19, 3, 50, 69, 32, 11, 73, 72, 49, 27, 5, 37, 10, 62, 36, 19, inscription on a Stamp.

" 48, 10, 72, 44, 4, 62, 67, 13, 21 54, 66, 20, 40, 74, 50, 28, 5, 41, 26, 32, 34, 58, 69, 13, 14, 43, 24, 53, are defunct papers.

" 45, 57, 46, 18, 38, 40, 72, has only four Stamps.

" 45, 39, 41, 7, 22, 73, is a country whose first Stamp appeared 1855

" 55, 60, 59, 14, is a country in America employing Stamps.

My whole is a Philatelic publication.

SKEUVIE.

(Answer next month).

Answer to Enigma in our last; "*How to detect forged Stamps by Thomas Dalston, and H Stafford Smith's Illustrated Postage Stamp Album and Catalogue.*"

No answers received!!!

We offer but one prize this month for correct answer to Enigma above. It is one of our 50 packets of unused Stamps warranted genuine.

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

1. Qeccttssipiiiiunnnmeeeeeoaa on a Post-
agè Stamp.
2. Eeeeeisspnoott on a Stamp.

(Answers in our next).

Answers to Transpositions in last issue 1.
Cape of Good Hope one penny. 2. *Correos*
Interior Franco.

No Answers received!!!

We will give for 1st correct answer to No. 1.
Belgium 5c.—2nd, Mecklenburg $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. to No. 2.
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L. P. O. 1 and 2 candareens 20c Spain, latest issue
2c pink 10c 4c blue 12, set of 6: \$1.20; Sandwich Isles
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South Australia 6; Saxony Envelopes; Germany, South
1kr; Envel, Hamburg $\frac{1}{2}$ s; Hong Kong 2c; Jamaica 1d;
Lubec $\frac{1}{2}$ s; Italy 2c; Luxemburg, new, 1c, 2c; Natal
1d; Naples, old, 1gr; New South Wales; Prussian En-
velopes; Saxony, old issues; States of the Church;
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CHAPTER III.

The popular excitement in the neighbourhood was not decreased when it was discovered that Dr. Bland's horse had absolutely been taken out of his pasture by the assassin who attempted to shoot Charles Rivers. People could not very well sleep securely in their beds, when they thought that there was in their vicinity some man of a sufficiently desperate character to commit such an atrocious deed as had been attempted. Men began to doubt, and surmise, and look with suspicion upon each other. No person knew that he, himself, was safe from a similar attack; and the whole community were eager to incur any trouble or expense for the purpose of discovering the miscreant. But all attempts at his discovery were fruitless. He was evidently a villain of no ordinary kind. He had left nothing behind him by which he could be traced. No one had seen the strange horseman on the road. Perhaps he had reached it by the same road as that by which he had left it. When pursued he had probably checked his horse merely for the purpose of showing his pursuer his speed, and the hopelessness of pursuit, when he gave him the spur. In short, there was no clue to his identity, and every body was mystified and was destined to remain so for some time.

Dr. Bland was in the meantime a constant visitor at the house of the Altons. He was Mrs. Alton's chief favourite. Indeed, his exemplary conduct and winning manner was calculated to make him a favourite everywhere. Alice, although her heart was Charles's, could not but admire him; and as he was her lover's friend, he was only second to Charles in her esteem. Excellence is so uncommon a thing in this world that it is well we are able to appreciate it when we do see it.

Charles Rivers and Alice were now more attached to each other than ever. Lovers' quar-

rels, when not of too serious a nature, never weakens the strength of affection, but rather the reverse. Charles had explained in a satisfactory manner the distressing rumors Alice had heard in reference to his career at college, and now everything sailed on as smoothly as could be desired. Still Alice felt that there was some unknown person who hated Charles sufficiently to make him attempt his life, and the thought produced in her mind no little uneasiness and pain. Dr. Bland, however, attempted to quiet her fears, and from being a comforter he became a friend.

It is not too much to suppose that Mrs. Alton would sooner have seen her daughter married to Dr. Bland than to Charles Rivers. It is but natural that she should desire to wed Alice to a man who was as pious as she was herself, and she seemed to take great pains to impress that idea on the mind of Alice. Those who know anything of the dispositions of young ladies in such matters can easily understand how little chance there was of Alice being moved by such an influence. There are no opinions so hard to shake as those which a lover has formed of one beloved.

We have said that Dr. Bland was a constant visitor at the house of the Altons. He was also apparently very partial to the society of Alice. Mrs. Alton indeed seemingly took great pains to throw Alice much in his society. No one could be a more pleasant companion than Dr. Bland. Besides being an excellent scholar, he had traveled much, and seen a great deal of the world. He was also a man of thorough scientific attainments, and possessed in a high degree the happy faculty of being able to display his learning without appearing at all pedantic or ostentatious.

There is nothing more difficult to trace than the origin and progress of affection or even of friendship. You cannot set metes and bounds to the impulses of the heart, nor reduce them to the scope of the cold rules of reason. They scorn such shackles. They are boundless as the longings of the heart from which they spring, and untrammable as its loftiest aspirations.

Had Alice Alton been asked when she began to regard Dr. Bland as a friend she could not probably have answered the question, but the fact was nevertheless undeniable. Indeed the

Doctor sometimes seemed to cast tender glances at Alice than mere friendship would seem to warrant ; but then it must be recollected that the eyes sometimes make love on their own responsibility without the consent or approval of the heart. At least Dr. Bland would doubtless have thus explained the phenomenon had he been questioned on the subject.

Mrs. Alton suddenly discovered that Alice had a taste for chemical experiments. And who was so proper a person to initiate her into the mysteries of the fashionable part of that popular science as the excellent Dr. Bland? Of course the Doctor was only too happy to gratify Mrs. Alton's whim, and Alice during a small portion of each day became his pupil.

Charles Rivers in the meantime was always in his office in Amherst during the day and had consequently no time to be a participator in their amusements. Dr. Bland regretted this, of course, but it could not be helped.

Things passed on in this manner smoothly enough for a few weeks and even Charles Rivers's miraculous escape was beginning to be forgotten. Ellen Foster was expecting Edward Bland's return from England, and those who were not happy just then were hopefully anticipating happiness.

It was whispered about that Edward Bland and Ellen were to be married shortly after his arrival, and certain preparations which were being made and the large amount of shopping which Ellen seemed to be doing at Amherst appeared to give colour to the report.

In a few days Edward Bland arrived, and of course the rejoicings among the friends were extreme. There was something so attractive and winning in his manner, and he was so handsome withal, that it was not surprising that every body was on the *que vive* to see him, and welcome him back. Dr. Bland was especially delighted, for he was deeply attached to his brother Edward. It was only when you saw the two together, that you could fully realize the contrast there was between the brothers. No one would have taken them for brothers, much less for twins. There was a much greater resemblance between Charles Rivers, and Edward Bland, than there was between the latter and the Doctor. Edward it is true, had black eyes, and Rivers, blue, but their complexions, and general style of feature were much alike. Edward Bland had, however, the same sweet voice as his brother, and the same winning manner, only in a greater degree ; but he was not at all pious. He enjoyed a good joke much better than a long sermon, and I believe would have preferred the company of players to that of parsons. His meeting with Charles Rivers was characteristic of them both, and those who believe that no real friendship can exist without religious communication might have had their opinions changed by seeing it. After shaking hands, "well," said Rivers, "it seems like old times to see you back again. How did you enjoy yourself in

Europe? Upon my word I quite envy you. I wish I could have spared time to have gone too."

"I wish you had been with me, Charlie, it was sometimes, awfully lonely. It is all very well, to look at fine sights, but to enjoy them one wants a companion."

"For life?"

"Not exactly, though I believe that you have already chosen Alice as yours, happy man! I envy you."

"Well now, that's cool! when every one knows that in a few weeks a wedding is coming off at which a man by the name of Edward Bland is the bridegroom."

"And the bride?"

"Ellen Foster."

"Really I'm glad to hear it: I hope it is all true."

"Poor fellow! do you doubt it. I pity your ignorance."

"If ignorance is bliss, 'tis——"

"Gammon, Ned! Who is to be groomsman?"

"You of course."

"'Murder will out'; So you have confessed at last."

"Ah! no more of that, Hal, as thou lovest me; at least no more at present."

"Which literally interpreted, means for me to hold my tongue. But by the way, have you seen Ellen yet?"

"No."

"Then away as fast as possible."

"There is no necessity for haste. I mean to serenade her to-night, I'll give her a surprise, I fancy; she does not even know that I am here."

"Not a bad idea."

"I've just written a song on purpose, full of sentiment and all that sort of thing. You'll call it immense, (as the theatre men say), when you hear it."

"I suppose that will not be until the lady has heard it. It would not be fair for me to forestall her in that pleasure."

Precisely; but I must be off and get my things unpacked, especially my old guitar, which I intend to put in use to-night.—*Au revoir.*"

"Adieu."

So the friends separated.

Darkness had settled over hill and vale before Edward Bland went forth on his romantic errand. The stars were beginning to twinkle in the heavens above him, but the pale, round, moon was absent from the sky. The soft wind sighed through the trees with a melodious note, and the earth which had basked all day in the sun's bright rays, shed dewy tears at his departure.

Edward Bland, in addition to his other accomplishments, possessed a fine voice, and could sing and play very effectively, and with excellent taste. He could also compose verses so well that his friends did not hesitate to dignify him with the title of "poet." But in this he had a

with the person of his friend Charles Rivers who also indulged in that species of composition. It was nothing new for Edward Bland to write a song, supply it with music, and all, and then play and sing it himself.

Guitar in hand, Edward arrived at the residence of Mr. Foster, and was soon beneath the window of Ellen's room. There he waited hid in the shrubbery near the house until he saw a light in her window and observed Ellen approaching it to lower the blind. He thought he had never seen her look so beautiful as she appeared at that moment with the light of her lamp reflected on her face, and her raven tresses unloosed and flowing down over her shoulders. Edward Bland gazed rapturously at her until the descending blind hid her from his view. Her small and delicate hand disappeared last of all from beneath it, and then she was lost to his gaze. Then with a heart full of strange emotions, he touched the chords of his guitar and accompanying its tones with his voice, with great pathos and feeling sang the following song:—

I have come from afar
Over mountain and sea,
To touch my guitar,
Dearest maiden, to thee.

From the Orient clime
Of the opening day,
With the swiftness of time,
I have hasted away.

The stars of the night
Have a tenderer glow,
As their rays gather bright
On thy forehead of snow;

And the balmy night air
Whispers lovingly now
As it parts the dark hair
From thy beautiful brow.

Oh! that I were a star
That I ever might shine
From the heavens afar
On that forehead of thine—

Or the wind of the grove
That I ever might kiss
The cheek of my love—
'Twould be better than bliss.

Then rest thee till morn;
May thy dreams be as sweet
As the thoughts that are born
In the angels' retreat.

As like unto heaven
In their worthier birth
As e'er can be given
To the visions of earth.

He ceased and then began the strain again,

standing all the while and gazing towards the window; but before he had reached the end of the second stanza he felt a pair of soft arms thrown round his neck and a sweet voice as the lips which uttered it came close to his cheek exclaiming "Edward! my Edward!"

We need scarcely explain that the arms, the voice, and the lips all belonged to Ellen Foster.

"O Edward!" she exclaimed all her womanly tenderness gathering in her tone as she spoke "are you well—safe? How I have watched and awaited for you! But I never expected to see you make your appearance in this manner. The year you have been absent seems almost like an age!"

"My dear Ellen, my own Ellen—for you will soon be mine now beyond recall—I have flown on the wings of hope; and love, to meet you. I have reproached myself a hundred times that we were not united before I left that I might have taken you with me on my travels: but how well you look my love. I feel so happy?"

"Happy! Then we are both happy, but I"—

She did not finish the sentence for at that instant the sharp report of a gun, followed quickly by the lesser one of a pistol and then another and another, rang clearly through the evening air.

Ellen shrieked and almost fainted.

"Good God! what is that?" exclaimed Edward Bland, "can it be murder?"

"Yes, it is murder," said Ellen wildly; "that is the same sound as the gun made which was fired at Charles Rivers four weeks ago—the same sound, but perhaps with a deadlier aim."

Edward Bland wanted to hear no more, but hastily bidding Ellen good night, and pressing her to his bosom, he rushed over to the road in the direction from which the sound had come.

He had not gone far before he heard voices, and people shouting in the direction of one of the neighbouring houses; and as he neared the spot he saw that a crowd had already collected. A man was being carried into the house on a stretcher of rough boards. In the deepest suspense, Edward Bland rushed to his side to get a glimpse of his face, and in the instant Ellen's suggestion and his own worst fears were realized. It was Charles Rivers who lay there bleeding and all pale and deathlike.

Edward Bland was horrified and shocked. He instantly sent off for his brother, the doctor, and in the meantime applied himself to examine the nature of Rivers's wound. He found that a bullet had passed through his left arm, and that his excessive weakness arose from loss of blood. He had not been touched in any other part. He immediately applied a tourniquet and staunch-ed the flow of blood.

The messenger who had been sent for Dr. Bland, returned, to say that he had gone away two hours before to see a patient a long distance off.

Edward was too sagacious a man to trust to his own skill when professional assistance was

to be obtained, so he immediately sent off to Amherst for a doctor by a special messenger, and told the driver on pain of dismissal not to spare the horses. In an hour the doctor had been brought and everything was done for Charles which his skill could suggest.

He pronounced it a flesh wound,—not dangerous—no main artery severed—though one of the large veins of the arm had been cut. He extolled Edward's skill in finding the wound so promptly and said but for that he would soon have bled to death.

In the mean time the alarm of Charles Rivers being dangerously wounded had been carried to Alice and Ellen and they were soon down with all the household to render assistance. Alice was nearly frantic when she heard the tidings, and Ellen's alarm was scarcely less.

Charles Rivers, although restored to consciousness, was still weak from the effect of his wound and the shock he had received by falling from his horse when he was shot. He was not permitted by the doctor to speak lest the excitement should produce a bad effect upon his wound; and however disagreeable the enforced silence was to all parties, it had to be kept. As the house to which he had been taken did not afford the same comforts, which it was thought were necessary to him in his weak state, it was resolved to move him that night and a waggon was accordingly prepared for that purpose. A mattress was placed in it, and on that Charles Rivers was laid, his head supported by pillows and tenderly kept in its place by the affectionate hand of his friend Edward Bland. The young man who had gone forth from his home a few hours before in the full vigor of manhood was now as weak and helpless as the infant that is nursed at the breast. Such is man!

The house of Mr. Foster was considered the most suitable place for Charles to be taken to, and to it he was accordingly removed. Alice, indeed, pleaded hard that he might be taken to their residence; and Mr. Alton was anxious to have him there, also, but Mr. Foster would not listen to it. He insisted on having Charles to himself, clinching the argument by observing that the house was only half as far from where he was as Mr. Alton's, and therefore it would be twice as easy to remove him.

"As for you, you little pet," he said to Alice, "you can come over and nurse him if you like; and I have no doubt but you and Ellen will have taught him embroidery before he gets better."

Mr. Foster, like all old lawyers, was so positive, and in general, so correct in his opinions, that no one liked to contradict him. To his house Charles was accordingly removed.

We may here remark that our reasons for having giving Mr. Foster and Mr. Alton so little prominence in our tale is simply this, that they have but little connection with the main incidents of the story; and we have thought it better for its interest to the reader to discard as

much as possible all superfluous characters and confine ourselves strictly to those who take a more active part in our plot. We hope this explanation will satisfy everybody, and account or what may have appeared strange to some.

Next morning Charles Rivers was sufficiently restored to his strength, to be able to relate the circumstances connected with his wound, as far as he knew them. He had been to Amherst for the purpose of receiving a small parcel which had been brought for him from New York, and which contained a small Colt's revolver, and a box of cartridges. He had opened it, and loaded the seven barrels for the novelty of the thing, and was proceeding quietly homeward. The night was dark, and the remembrance of his former adventure on the same road, made him regard every object with suspicion. He had nearly reached the gateway leading to Mrs. Forest's residence, when he heard a movement in the bushes, at the side of the road towards his right hand, and somewhat behind him. Instinctively he grasped his pistol, and turned himself in the saddle towards the place whence the sound had proceeded. As he did so, he felt himself struck in the arm, and immediately a strange mist came gathering over his eyes and a sense of dizziness oppressed his brain. He fired his pistol, three barrels in succession, from the direction in which the shot had come, but his hand was unsteady, and it was doubtless without effect. In another moment weakness overcame him—he fell from his horse—was stunned—and lost all consciousness.

He saw nothing of the man who shot him. He could not even tell whether he was mounted on horseback or not. The whole thing was a mystery to him. He only knew that he had been wounded, and that by some unknown individual.

Those who had heard the report of the gun and went to his aid, thought they heard the heavy but rapid gallop of a horse far up the road. But those who were aware of how easily the ear is deceived, attached but little importance to this opinion. However the matter was, the assassin had at least escaped.

The excitement produced in the minds of the people of the neighbourhood by this last episode was most intense. Every one was astounded at the tidings, and every one was enraged and indignant. Charles Rivers the favourite of every body, had, by some means or other, become the victim of a foul conspiracy, and these repeated attempts to kill him, worked up popular excitement to a high pressure.

It was quite evident that the only thing that saved Charles Rivers from instant death was the sudden turn which he made when he heard the movement in the bushes behind him. By this the bullet, which would otherwise had passed through heart, only pierced his arm. The aim of the man who fired at him had evidently been extremely true, for a line drawn horizontally from the place where Rivers was wounded

would exactly pass through the centre of his heart, and only the lateral deviation caused by his turning, saved him.

Dr. Bland hastened to see Charles Rivers the morning after he had been shot. He had, he said, been up all night by the bedside of a dying patient, and his thin and haggard looks seemed to bear witness to the truth of the assertion. Of course he was overjoyed at the escape of Charles, and horrified at the murderous attack which had been made upon him.

Dr. Bland became more assiduous in his attentions to Alice during Charles's illness. Her mother, also, once again attempted to reason out of her engagement with him, but the attempt was useless. There was a time when it might have been done with success, but that time was past. Alice had been made aware that much of what she had heard was untrue, and the chief portion of that which had a foundation in truth, greatly exaggerated. Besides this, Charles, though far from being a saint, had long forsaken a course of dissipation. She had, moreover, forgiven him; and he had already suffered enough by the partial estrangement of her affection.

It was therefore rather surprising that under the circumstances Dr. Bland so far forgot his usual sagacity as actually to propose to Alice. But he did so, and soon received his answer,—an emphatic refusal, and such a refusal too, as was a crushing blow to his pride of heart. She told him that as the professed friend of Charles Rivers he might have been discreet enough to spare her the pain of giving him such an answer as she was compelled to give, and that his knowledge of the tie which existed between Charles and her might have deterred him from exposing himself to the humiliation of a refusal.

Dr. Bland felt the justice of her words, and attempted to explain the matter; but, strange to say, his words produced no impression of truth upon the mind of Alice; and it was with some difficulty that he obtained from her the promise to keep the matter a secret from Charles Rivers. She thought it her duty to tell him under the circumstances, but at the doctor's earnest request she waived that duty.

The summer had passed swiftly away and Charles had become convalescent. By the advice of his physician he went to the Parrsboro' coast for a change of air, to enjoy the sea bathing in the clear waters of the Basin of Minas. Dr. Bland suggested that he should accompany him, which he did, and much against his brother's wish, Edward Bland went also. A couple of weeks spent on the sea coast passed pleasantly enough, and Charles was in a fair way of being restored to his usual vigor.

(TO BE CONTINUED).

It has been discovered at the General Post Office in England, that many persons in the United States are in the habit of sending over to that country sums of money, scarfs, pictures and

other articles wrapped in newspapers. In consequence of the existence of this practice American papers are now examined at St. Martins-le-Grand. It is impossible to examine every paper; but selections are made at London, and frequent seizures are the result.

THE POISONED POSTAGE STAMP.

A SENSATION ROMANCE.

Extracted from *Fun*.

CHAPTER I.—POETRY.

AUGUSTUS DE VERE BILLINGSBY was, as his name would divulge, the assistant in a chemist's shop. But he had a soul above *fiat mistura*—a mind that spurned *mane sumend*:—an intellect that soared higher than *pillule tæz*. He wrote for all the principal magazines and papers. You will observe that I am careful in saying he wrote for them. I am compelled to admit that his efforts never went beyond that, for his articles were never printed!

Only one of AUGUSTUS's works ever reached posterity. It was the following poem written after a visit per London, Chatham, and Dover, to the Crystal Palace, and suggested by painful, commingled with pleasant, reminiscences:—

"Little Miss Muffet

Sat at a buffet,

'Neath SPIERS-and-PONDIAN away.

There came a young rider,*

Who asked for some cider,

And then was unable to pay."

These verses—which BILLINGSBY used fondly to speak of as "a poem which was the fruit of much SPIERS-and-POND-ering"—was sent to various journals, but without success. But it was fated that the public should not lose it. He left a copy inadvertently on the counter, and his employer, MR. SQUILLS, used it to cover a pot of *unguentum* for MR. POTHERBY's bad leg. MR. POTHERBY opened the parcel and read the lines before he destroyed the paper. And that was a large public for BILLINGSBY!

BILLINGSBY had written a story for the (but no! Prudence forbids our mentioning the name of the periodical in question.—ED.), and one of the rules of the (periodical the name of which prudence bids us to mention.—ED.) was that no MSS. could be returned if they were not accompanied by a stamped and directed envelope (and a very good rule too.—ED.)

"Ha! Ha!" cried AUGUSTUS, as he inclosed a directed envelope (adhesive) and a stamp (ditto) to the editor, with his manuscript.

He had smeared the flap of the envelope, and the back of the stamp, which he had not affixed to the envelope, for an object which will be seen hereafter, with that most prompt and deadly poison (name suppressed for obvious reasons.—ED.).

"Ha! ha! He had better not reject my MS.!" said BILLINGSBY.

CHAPTER II.—PILLS.

BILLINGSBY was engaged in the manufacture of antibilious pills. Possibly the aroma of those beneficent creations of the pharmacopœia affected his brain with benevolence.

He started!

He sneezed!

"Ha!" he exclaimed, rubbing a pill wildly into the roots of his hair in the excitement of the moment. "he may—he may—he may use the envelope to send me a cheque for my article. I have heard of such things. And if he should die—they may refuse to cash it! Let me fly to preserve him. MR. POPKIN'S pills can wait."

CHAPTER III.—PENANCE.

BILLINGSBY clamoured at the portals of the (name suppressed for obvious reasons.—ED.) office. A mild person put his head out of the window and said, "What the doose are you a-bickering up that row for?"

"I must see the editor. It is a matter of life and death."

"What name, sir?"

"My name is Norval for all practical purposes, for he would not know me by name."

The mild being disappeared and returned to usher the trembling BILLINGSBY into THE PRESENCE. (The printer is requested to put that in caps for obvious reasons.—ED). In the editor's right hand is a manuscript, which the unhappy BILLINGSBY recognized as his. In his left was an envelope. Before him lay a stamp. BILLINGSBY was the prey of conflicting emotions. His MS. was about to be rejected:—should he let "venom do its work?"

While he hesitated, the editor—with the sweet placid smile editors are wont to use—slit the MS. into its cover, drew the flap of the envelope over a Patent Damper, did the same for the stamp, and affixed it, and then looking up, said—

"May I ask the reason of your visit?"

The unhappy BILLINGSBY saw a large blue-bottle, attracted by the moisture, taste the fatal spring, and then fall on his back, with his six quivering legs upwards, on the blotting pad. Poor bluebottle!

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An hour later all that remained of AUGUSTUS DE VERE BILLINGSBY was a powder triturated to impalpability in the bottom of MR. SQUILL'S mortar.

The unhappy wretch had thus committed suicide. Peace be to his smashes!

* "See the poet:—'a riding in a railway-car.'"—A. DE. V, B.

A correspondent in Concord, N. H. sends us the following which he says was picked up in that city lately on the back of an envelope.

This letter to Colbrook town must go

In Coos County N. H., you know

And when it gets there I presume to say

Mr. George B. Eastman will take it away

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THE FRENCH STAMPS.

The Stamps of France, Greece, and Nova Scotia, have been pronounced by connoisseurs to be the most handsome in the world. As regards finish, design and engraving they are certainly unsurpassed, and their delicate tints are the admiration of everybody. For nearly eighteen years have the people of France employed Stamps, and during that period lived under three forms of Government.

First there was the Republic, then the Presidency, and lastly the Empire.

In the year 1849 when France was a Republic, her first Stamps appeared, and consisted of six varieties. They were rectangular in shape and contained a profile of the Goddess of Liberty to the left, in a circle, within an elongated frame, at the top was inscribed REPUB. FRANCE, at bottom POSTES. Value in figures, coloured impression on white paper and unperforated. 10c. cinnamon, 15c. green, 20c. black; 25c., blue; 40c., vermillion, orange; 1 fr., lake, carmine, and orange.

1852—THE PRESIDENCY. These Stamps had a portrait of the present Emperor Napoleon III, in a circle, head to the left, rectangular, non-perforated and inscribed like those preceding. 10c. cinnamon; 25c. blue.

1853-60—THE EMPIRE.—Identical with the above, except the inscription at top is EMPIRE FRANÇ, below POSTES. 1c. olive-green; 5c. light-green; 10c. bistre, cinnamon; 20c. blue, light, dark, 25c., blue, 40c., orange vermillion; 80c., lake rose; 1 fr., carmine.

1859.—A Stamp for unpaid letters was issued in this year and was as follows, in an oblong frame is a numeral denoting value in the centre, over *centimes a percevoir*; CHIFFRE at top TAXE below, POSTES on each side, 10c., black, printed on white paper and unperforated.

1863.—Two unpaid and two Postage Stamps, the former similar to the one just described, 10c., and 15c., the latter of an entirely different design and value from any hitherto issued. Profile of the Emperor in a circle, towards the left, within an oblong erect frame, EMPIRE FRANÇAIS above, *c. Postes c* below, in dark letters, large figures of value in lower corners, perforated, 2c., chocolate, light and dark, 4c., lavender.

Numerous essays have from time to time, been introduced to our notice, one consisted of an oblong erect frame, containing a portrait of His Imperial Majesty, Napoleon III, to the left, in an oval disk, inscribed in white letters, *Louis Napoleon Bonaparte*, at top *Re-*

Pub Franc; below *Postes* and value, spandrels plain, 25c., brown, yellow grey.

The next essay is a sort of double Stamp, a rectangular frame, divided into two halves, by the perforating machine. The top half, has in the centre, within a small circular disk, beaded, a profile of the Emperor to the left; a curved white label on each side, contains *Coller Cette*, at right and *Partie Superre* at left, *Empire Franc* at top, 20 cent repeated twice on each side.

The lower half has on a white transverse disk, this inscription, *Laisser flotter cette Partie Inferiere*, below is *Timb Poste*, 20 cent twice repeated on each side. We understand, this Stamp was manufactured for the purpose of introducing a new method of cancellation. Instead of ruining the beauty of the postal label by the ruthless hand of the obliterating machine; it was intended that all its handsome features should be preserved, and for that purpose, only a portion, the upper part, should be used. One half was to be affixed to the letter, the other was to be retained by the Post Office authorities, when the missive passed through the post.

"Nextly", as the American citizen of African extraction, remarked, came a Stamp, with a profile of Liberty, towards the left, on a solid, circular disk, with beaded inner edge, within a rectangular frame, inscribed, at top *Essai* 1858, at bottom 00 *Postes* 00. Essays of envelopes, have also been submitted to the French Government; one of them is an elongated oval, at top of which is a crown; directly underneath, is an eagle within a shield. In the centre of the Stamp the head of Napoleon III, crowned with laurels, appears. At the bottom, there is a plate, O O c. At this place the value is intended to be inserted *Empire Erancais* at left side, *Timbre Poste* at right, green.

Another, very nearly like the above; but the frame is wider, and there is no shield at top, white and blue.

Newly Issued Stamps.

SPAIN.—This country as usual, begins the year, with a complete set of new Stamps: six in number and slightly differing in designs from the series of 1865. The head of the Queen (crowned) is towards the left, in an oval border, at top is *CORREOS DE ESPANA*, at bottom the value, in words, is indicated, 2c., brown, 4c., blue, 12c., orange, 19c., light rose, 10c., de esc green, and 20c., de esc lilac, colored impression on white paper, *mucilage on the back* and perforated. A singular Postal law exists in Spain. As soon as a new issue appears, the Stamps previously in use become valueless and will not be exchanged at the Post offices, thereby causing a loss to the person having them on hand.

QUEENSLAND.—A new Stamp, 5s., light rose, printed on plain, unwatermarked paper, perforated, and same design as formerly is out.

BELGIUM.—Essays are out for this kingdom,

bearing the head of Leopold I. late King of the Belgians.

PORTUGAL.—There has been added to the new series, a 25 reis, lake-pink, same design as its *confres*.

NEVIS.—4d., is now vermilion.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The color of the 8 cents is now lilac.

HANOVER.—Alas! the fortunes of war. This country intended to issue a magnificent set of new envelopes, the designs were prepared, profile of King (an excellent likeness, it is said) to the left in a scalloped border, HANOVER at top, value in words below, repeated at sides, printed on white paper in rose, lilac and bistre. Well, we should have had them, but for Count Bismarck and his terrible death dealing weapon the famous Needle Gun, which prevented our Hanoverian friends, from executing their original design.

There are essay in Philatelic circles of Stamps of the following countries: Bolivia, San Salvador and the British Empire. No doubt soon there will be some for the Dominion of Canada.

INDIA.—Some slight changes in colour and type are noticed.

CUBA.—We hear of a new Provisional Stamp being out, for Cuba and the other Spanish Possessions.

GRENADA.—6d., is printed in orange-red now.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

SPAIN.

1850. Head of Queen Isabella II, to the left. 6 cuartos, black. Rect. Date indicated.

Forgery No. 1.

GENUINE.

The top of the queens crown, under the value, is just between the '6' and the 'C.'

Background is composed of very fine crossed lines, very near each other.

Ornaments on both sides of 1850 are very intricate.

FORGED.

The top of the crown under the value, is just below the 'C' in 'Cuartos.'

Background is composed much thicker lines, wider apart.

Ornaments on both sides of 1850 are wretchedly done.

Postal Chat - Chat.

MONEY ORDERS. The following is a comparative statement of Money Orders drawn and paid at the Post office, St. John, in February, 1866 and 1867:—

	DRAWN	PAID
1866—	\$1526.60.	\$1339425.
1867—	1943.38.	18396.09.

A ROW ABOUT A POSTAGE STAMP.

The following incident which a French exchange brings us as having taken place in Paris, is so good, and contains such a capital moral for the edification of people prone to find fault with the Postmasters, that we translate it with pleasure:—

The widow Richard is an old lady addicted to making "bulls," and is of a piece with the good woman who poured out the coffee to feast upon the grounds. It was a blunder something of this character she has just committed, for which she has come to answer at the police office.

The cause of the hubbub had occurred in one of the city Post Offices of Paris, where the clerk, whose duty it was to attend to unpaid letters, was suddenly accosted by a woman who rushed in, in great trepidation. This woman was the widow Richard.

"Sir," she exclaimed, in a voice trembling with anger, "how does it happen, I should like to know, that when one has prepaid the postage on a letter, the person to whom it is sent is made to pay for it again?"

"How it happens, madam?" cried the clerk, "why it don't happen at all."

"Well, I say it does happen, and what's more, that it happened to day—there!"

"And I tell you again that it is impossible that it should be so."

"But it is a person of my acquaintance to whom I wrote yesterday, and whose letter I prepaid, who says she had to pay for it too. She was furious about it, and I don't wonder she was; for I wrote to her concerning my own affairs, and she had to pay the postage. It's downright robbery, I say!"

mind thereupon the widow kicked up such a rumpus that it was found to be necessary to call in a policeman, and take her before a magistrate. Instead of pacifying Madam Richard, this proceeding nearly threw her into the last degree of exasperation. Although the officer requested her to assume a proper line of conduct, the widow persisted in her fury,—and tamped and screamed most uproariously.

"To be told, too, that I don't know what I done with it!" she cried.

"Done with what?" inquired the magistrate.

"The receipt," answered the widow; "the receipt which proves that I prepaid the letter." So saying, she fumbled in all her pockets.

"There, she exclaimed suddenly. "I've got it! Here it is!"

And she exhibited triumphantly to the magis-

trate—what can you imagine it was? a Postage Stamp! The poor lady had taken it as a receipt for the money she had paid to the clerk, and had treasured it sacredly, instead of pasting it on the letter.

The blunder was duly explained to her amid the laughter of the spectators. She promptly acknowledged her fault, and regretting she had given away to her anger, begged the Court to deal leniently with her. She pleaded her ignorance as the cause of the storming and abuse of which she stood convicted.

The Court took the culprit's general good conduct into consideration, as well as her contrition, and fined her 16 francs only.

[WRITTEN FOR THE STAMP GAZETTE.]

JACQUES CARTIER.

By WAIF.

Without, to-night, 'tis drear and cold;
The earth is shrouded deep in snow—

Within, amid the glowing coals,
I trace the lines of long ago.

Ah, yes; the wild winds rave and wail,
As the past flits before my gaze,

Like misty, Ossianic ghosts,
Or echoes come from by-gone days.

I see a navigator bold
With youthful vigor in his veins;
To brave an unknown coast he leaves
The vine-clad slopes and dewy plains
Of his own native land. He sails
With two small crafts of sixty tons
Until he anchors 'mong the isles
Whence the majestic Lawrence runs.

We call this country "new"! and yet
Three centuries are nearly o'er
Since Cartier's glances swept the scenes
The savage only knew before.

We call this country "new"—and yet
That navigator's fame has laid
So long within the folds of Time,
His name has barely 'scaped its shade.

Did he go home when age had tamed
The young blood throbbing through his frame?
And on St. Malois light a pyre

With hope and trust beneath its flame?
When did he sink at last to rest?—

Alas, the fierce winds hurrying by
Are beating 'gainst the window panes,
Yet keep the secret as they fly.

Amid the city's lofty walls,
In the lone hamlet's grass-grown street,
You see a face they say is his,
Where'er Canadian Postals meet.

He opened wide their river's gate,
And thrice he rode upon its wave.

'Tis well that Canada should keep
His name from fading—like his grave.

PRIZE ENIGMA.

I am composed of 69 letters.
 My 1, 55, 64, 64, 60, 5, 17, 19, 38, 10, 43, 64,
 22, 8, 64, 45, 64, 37, 34, 40, 62, inscription
 on a Postage Stamp.
 " 35, 58, 23, 11, 27, 25, 54, 48, 56, 57, 41,
 12, 16, 10, 13, 15, 68, 69, 67, 57, 9, inscrip-
 tion on a Postage Stamp.
 " 29, 57, 17, 35, 14, 21, 47, 63, 64, is found
 alike on every Stamp, postal or local.
 " 7, 64, 29, 40, 53, 20, 22, 9, 57, 56, what
 many Stamp dealers have.
 " 50, 19, 46, 18, 52, 64, 29, 40, 66, 39,
 4, 44, 1, 37, 20, 9, are something else they
 have.
 " 20, 22, 30, 33, 49, 56, 65, 41, 28, 39, 64, 19,
 4, 9, can be seen on the Canadian 5 cent
 Stamp.
 " 11, 6, 2, 58, 24, 20, 31, can be seen on sev-
 eral Stamps.
 " 42, 64, 61, 29, 20, 36, 62, 45, 26, 11, 32, 51,
 21, 2, 62, 34, on a European Stamp.
 " 60, 59, 3, 54, 10, issued Stamps in 1866.
 My whole are two inscriptions on Postage
 Stamps.

SWEETLETOES.

(Answer in our next).

To the subscriber who shall transmit to us
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CRYPTOGRAPH.

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 u, xshuhmf, uidgznd, gizji, sd, bdhtd, zmvns-
 gde, udm, bdmvg, mdx, csmvgxhbl, quznog,
 gpsi hg, ozhmg.

An unused 10 cent New Brunswick Stamp
 will be given to the subscriber who correctly
 answers the cryptograph above.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Fccchrrrrnnpseeetioooooolla on a Postage
 Stamp.

2. Tttttttfhcccdgpfefeeeeeennnnooooaaaarmss
 ssi on a Stamp.

(Answers next issue).

Answers to Transpositions in our last No. - 1
Poste Italiane cinque centesimi.

2. *Poste Estensi.*

W. F. G. & J. B. T. of Wilbraham, Mass,
 answered No. 1 Transposition. No. 2 not an-
 swered.

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 hai, L. P. O. 1 and 2 candareens 20c Spain, latest issue
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CHAPTER IV.

At last Dr. Bland declared that he was tired of the monotony of the life they were leading, and proposed that they should try boat-sailing as their next amusement. Of course this was a kind of recreation very agreeable to all parties, although neither Edward Bland nor Charles knew much about it. Dr. Bland however was a professed hand, and understood it thoroughly, and they found it much more pleasant to pass the time gliding swiftly along the coast before a good breeze of wind, than in walking moodily along the shore, looking for a change of scene from the rude monotony of the rocks.

One day Edward Bland was unwell and could not accompany his brother, the day was fine and although the wind blew strong, the Doctor urged that there was no danger, and accordingly he and Charles started out as usual in the small boat in which they were accustomed to go; this boat carried a very large sail for one of her dimensions, and was perfectly open, she was a fast sailer however, and this, in the eyes of Dr. Bland made up for the fault of her being rather crank. They were running up before the wind within a mile of the shore when Dr. Bland who had the helm, jibed the boat. Now it will be necessary to explain to our non-nautical readers what jibing means. When a boat is running directly before the wind, the sheet or rope which holds the sails is run out to its full extent, so as to catch as much wind as possible. Now if the sail is filled towards the right hand side of the mast it is plain that any considerable change in the course of the boat towards the right must bring the wind to bear on the sail so as to fill it towards the other side of the mast. This operation is called jibing and we may remark that it is more dangerous and requires more care than any other in connection with boating. When a boat is jibed the sheet should be eased

away gradually so as to prevent danger, instead of which Dr. Bland let it fly over without letting it go, and the consequence was that the sail went over with terrific force, and the boat at once upset. Both Dr. Bland and Charles Rivers were thrown into the water, but with this difference, the former swam or rather floated like a cork, while the latter immediately sank. Rivers could not swim a stroke, and the boat threw them out so suddenly that she was a long distance from him when he came to the surface for the first time.

There are some occasions in our lives when the thoughts of a life time seem to be crowded into a moment's space, when the soul with an intense activity and power which is the best proof of its immortality, casts at once aside the fetters of time, and calls up a thousand images of past events in terrible array.

Thus it was with Charles Rivers as he felt himself sinking hopelessly under the waves; and saw the water dark above his head. No hand was there to save him; no hope of life was left. Once more he rose to the surface, and as he did so, his head came in contact with something. He instinctively threw up his hand and caught it; it was an oar; he was saved.

Yes, saved from death! There is something in the word suggestive of strange thoughts; but it is ever thus through life. A circumstance as simple as a difference of ten feet or less in the position of an oar, may be the means of making or undoing us. Had that oar been a few feet away, our history would have been brought to an abrupt close.

Those who know what a small thing will keep a man's head above water will not be surprised that the oar should have saved Charles. He got it under his chin, and as there was but little sea, he felt himself comparatively secure. His next care was for Dr. Bland, but he need not have given himself any concern about him, for that individual was snugly seated astride the keel of the upturned boat, looking none the worse for his dip, except that the water had glued his clothes to his skin.

"Hullo, Doctor, all safe I see!"

"Yes."

"So am I; thank Heaven!"

Rivers commenced to kick out, and succeeded in placing his oar beside the boat.

"Stop," said the Doctor, "till I help you up."

He reached down his hand, but by some unaccountable accident his feet slipped down at the same time and struck the oar upon which Charles was leaning, the oar sank and slipped away from him, and Rivers once more went to the bottom like a stone.

"Gone at last!" muttered Dr. Bland between his teeth, "his love-making is ended."

But the good Doctor like many other worthy men was premature in his remark. Charles Rivers was not gone, he had sunk deep enough to be sure, but came up all right on the opposite side of the boat from that on which he went down. Rivers if he was no swimmer was a good climber, and could shin up anything; he got hold of the bow, reached the keel, and as the Doctor who had slipped down was climbing up on one side, Charles was doing the same on the other. The Doctor was too much absorbed with his own thoughts to notice the hands placed on the keel above him. Charles was up first, and astride of the keel before the Doctor noticed him.

"Well, Doctor, all right again you see."

The Doctor started and looked up; if he had seen a ghost he would not have looked more astonished. "Why," he stammered as soon as he could speak, "I thought you were gone."

"No, thank you, not quite; very near it though, it's very awkward that I should have got that second dip."

"My dear friend, I was so much horrified that I have scarcely been able to move since. I should have dived for you, though I'm but a poor swimmer."

"I'm glad I saved you the trouble."

By this time the position of the boat had been seen from the shore, and boats were on the way to rescue them from their perilous position.

When they were taken off the combined effects of wet and cold had made them so stiff that they could scarcely move, and neither was in a proper humor for much talking. A change of clothes and a good stiff glass of hot whiskey however, restored them to their usual spirits; and neither appeared much the worse for the trial they had passed through.

When Edward Bland heard of the danger to which they had been exposed, his joy at their escape was extreme. He declared their boating should end forthwith, although Dr. Bland maintained that it was nothing,—a mere ducking and no more.

"One that came near costing me my life," said Charles.

"But how did you get out of danger so quickly?" asked Edward Bland of the Doctor.

"Oh, I wore a life-preserver. I always do when I go boating, and of course did not sink."

"A wise precaution I should say," said

Charles; "in future I shall do the same."

That evening in a diary kept by a certain individual the following words were written in secret cypher:—

"He bears a charmed life. Four times he has escaped me. The next time I will make sure. I have no hope of her love, but I will have my revenge. The minister shall never join their hands!"

Does the reader desire to know the man that wrote this? It was DR. BLAND!

Yes, Dr. Bland the meek, the charitable, the pious, the man of exemplary character was Dr. Bland the assassin also. Dr. Bland was a hypocrite and a knave, but he was worse, for his hypocrisy was that of a demon, and his knavery meant murder.

Happily for man there are few men of his stamp in this world. Humanity is bad enough and frail enough, but it never produced one like him. Nothing but a diabolical nature could ever have produced such baseness.

And there sat Dr. Bland side by side, with the man he had four times tried to murder; side by side with a brother, who was truth and honor itself; and who believed his brother possessed the same qualities of mind as he did himself. But we have not time to moralize; the character which Macaulay gives of Barere might well have been applied to Dr. Bland.

Charles Rivers had but little inclination to remain on the sea coast after this accident. In two days, time, accordingly, the whole party started for home.

Rivers had completely recovered his strength, and felt himself prepared to begin his professional duties once more with renewed diligence.

His first care in returning home was to see Alice; and their meeting was indeed a happy one.

"Oh, Charles you were so near being drowned it almost makes me shudder to think of it! How is it you have been exposed of late to so much danger?"

"O! I suppose it is destiny."

"Then destiny is very unkind."

"I am all right now. Never mind the past; but I hope no one will make a target of me to-night."

"I am sure, I hope not; I pray for you every night. Charles, do you ever pray?"

Rivers made no answer; but the question stung him to the heart. That night at least he prayed. Let us hope that he continued to do so.

Ellen continued: "It seems strange that any man should be so determined to take your life. You who have never wronged any one. Do you suspect any person?"

"No."

"Do you know of having made an enemy of any one?"

"None that I am aware of."

"I ask these questions because a curious circumstance happened which I did not care to tell you of before. Ellen and I were walking over the spot where you were shot at, next day, and

we found a piece of half burnt paper which had apparently been a portion of the wadding of a gun. It was a small portion of a letter, but only one word could be made out, and that was merely the word "and," but the handwriting seemed familiar—so much so, that Ellen started when she saw it."

"Whose hand was it in?"

"Edward Bland's."

"Edward Bland's?"

"Yes, Ellen and I compared the word with the same one in his letters, and it was precisely the same. Your assassin must be a correspondent of his."

"That does not follow my dear; he may have merely stolen or found the letter. A man who would murder another in such a manner, would be guilty of any baseness."

"I thought that I had joined one link of the chain which is to discover him, but I fear that I deceived myself."

"Perhaps not, Alice. This may be a link of that chain; but I only caution you not to have too high hopes lest they may prove delusive."

Just then Ellen Foster came in and joined the lovers.

"Upon my word, Charles," she said, "you have a most miraculous way of getting into danger. However, in the last instance you were not alone in it, and that does not make it so bad."

"I must confess Ellen that however much I appreciate the merits of good society I cannot see that it is any advantage in a case of drowning."

"What a capital reasoner you are, Charles. I am charmed with your logic. I retract my words; but then you will confess that it is very unpleasant to be alone, especially when one is in a disagreeable situation. Am I not right?"

"Alone," muttered Charles, as he mused over the word; I have been alone long enough, and looking up he answered, gaily, "It is bad being alone, is it not Alice?—won't you name the day?"

"Let me name it," said Ellen, "and I'll say this day week. How does that suit your views, Charles, and yours, Alice?"

"Agreed," said Charles, jumping from his chair, and playfully grasping Alice's hand. "Won't this day week do as well as next year?"

Alice blushed and looked confused as any young lady might be expected to do under the circumstances; and Ellen made her escape from the room, leaving the lovers to finish the conversation themselves. We need not give all that was said pro and con; the result of it was that the day of Ellen's choosing was agreed on, and preparations immediately commenced for the wedding, which was to be on a grand scale.

Mrs. Alton entered a feeble protest against the shortness of the notice but as she was in a decided minority, she waived her objections as all minorities should do, and accepted the situation.

FORGED STAMPS

FROM

"THE VADE MECUM"

BY J. M. STOURTON, ESQ.

SPAIN.

Forgery No. 2.

GENUINE.

Words 'Correo' and 'Franco' are of moderate size, and do not, in any place, touch the white line below them.

The queen has a *nez retrouse*.

1851. Head of Queen to the right. 6 c., black. Rect. Date indicated.

Forgery, No. 1.

GENUINE.

In this Stamp also the queen has a *nez retrouse*.

Corner ornaments are composed of nine or ten folds. The black line surrounding the inscription and value, is very thin.

The end of the queen's hair *almost* touches the border line.

The left hand bottom corner of the queen's neck *almost* touches the border.

Forgery, No. 2.

GENUINE.

Above the wreath nine strokes may be counted.

The shading of the chin and neck is composed wholly of little dots.

Die-printed.

1850. Head of Queen to the left. Rect. 5 reales, cinnamon. Date indicated.

GENUINE.

The bottom of the neck touches the white line below it.

Background is composed of crossed lines very close together.

All the letters in 'Certificado' are of the same size.

FORGED.

Words 'Correo' and 'Franco' are *very large*, and *touch* in several places, the white line below them.

the queen's nose is perfectly straight.

FORGED.

The queen's nose is quite *straight*.

Corner ornaments are only composed of *five* folds.

Black line surrounding the inscription and value, is *remarkably thick*.

The end of the queen's hair does not *nearly* touch the border line.

The left hand bottom corner of the queen's neck is *some distance* from the border.

FORGED.

There are only *six* strokes above the wreath.

The shading of the chin and neck is composed of both *dots and lines*

Lithographed.

FORGED.

The bottom of the neck *does not nearly* touch the white line below it.

The lines in the background are *further apart*.

The letters 'DO' of 'Certificado' are *smaller* than the rest of the letters.

1851. Head of Queen to the right, in an oval. Date indicated. 5 reales, rose, (Correos certificado). Rect.

GENUINE.

The ornaments in the four corners are intricate, being composed of several very thick white lines, which contrast strongly with the red ground on which they are.

All the letters in 'Reales' are of the same size.

The 'I' in 'Cinco' is thin.

None of the letters in 'Correos' touch.

The enclosing line above 'TIFO' of Certifo is thin, and does not anywhere touch the letters below it.

The 'S' in 'Correos' and the 'S' in 'Reales' both look natural.

FORGED.

The corner ornaments are composed of three or four *very slight* white lines, which *do not* contrast with the background.

The letters 'EAL' of 'Reales' are larger than 'R' and 'S.' The 'I' in 'Cinco' is *unnaturally thick*.

The two 'R's' and 'E' of 'Correos' *touch* the line above 'TIFO' of 'Certifo.' is much thicker, and *just* touches the 'IF' of 'Certifo.'

The thick down stroke of both the 'S' in 'Reales' *protrudes beyond the rest of the letter*.

The marginal white line is thinner at the top, than at the bottom.

GENUINE.

Full Stop after '1854,' is just between the thick outer line and the thin inner one. Cross above the crown almost, but not quite, touches the black line above it.

The bottom paw of the lion is longer than the top.

The left hand top corner of the arms, does not touch the border line.

Arms of Spain in an oval. Date not indicated. Oval. 1855 $\frac{1}{2}$ onza. yellow; 1 onza, rose; 4 onzas, green, 1 libra, blueish-lilac.

GENUINE.

The crown on the lion's head, though small, is distinct.

GENUINE.

The paws of the lion are both of the same length

FORGED.

Full stop after '1854,' is just *above the thin inner line*.

The cross *touches* the black line above it.

The top paw of the lion is longer than the bottom.

The left hand top corner of the arms *touches* the border line. Full stops after '1854' and value, are *scarcely perceptible*.

FORGED.

Only a black smudge is visible on the lion's head.

FORGED.

The upper paw is considerably *longer* than the lower one.

The lion looks more like a *monkey* than a lion.

1853. Head of Queen Isabel II. to the right in an oval. 5 rs., green. Date indicated.

GENUINE:

The 'C' of 'Correos' is on a level with the rest of the letters.

The small circles of which the oval is composed, are all equal in size.

FORGED.

The bottom of the 'C' just touches the line beneath it.

The circles are *unequal* and irregular.

Head of Queen Isabel II., to the left, in an oval. Rect. 6 cuartos, lake. Date indicated.

The forgery of this Stamp is one of the unsuccessful ones from Hamburg, and is perhaps the wretchedest imitation I have ever come across. Beyond the colour, value, and head in an oval, it cannot lay claim to a semblance of the real stamp, which, being comparatively common, no description is necessary.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Arms of Spain. Date indicated. Rect. 1854, $\frac{1}{2}$ onza, yellow; 1 onza, rose; 4 onzas, green, 1 libra, blueish-lilac.

THE ITALIAN POST OFFICE.—From Frances Power Cobbe's works of Italy we gather the following information concerning the recent improvements in postal matters in that country:

The post-office service has been vastly improved and relieved from government espionage. In the "good old times" of Boniba and Bombalino, at Rome, and throughout Italy generally every difficulty that could be devised, short of absolute prohibition, was "prudently" laid in the way of epistolary correspondence. Railroad and postal facilities are among the most active of democratic agencies in these days, and his Holiness and the other despotic princes of Italy were wise in their generation in refusing to encourage them. Outside of the Papal States, everywhere throughout the kingdom of Italy, there are now abundance of offices and pillars for letters, letter-carriers, and the proper machinery of the post. Special conveniences are even given for the transmission of local newspapers by the issue of stamps worth only one centesimo, (the fifth of a cent); the general postage throughout the kingdom for letters being fifteen centesimos, or a cent and a half. It is admitted, also, that persons losing letters have a right to make complaints—an immense step for Italy!—and the strictest engagements are given on the part of the government that all correspondence is sacred and free from examination. But with all these improvements, the postal system of Italy is still very far behind the

English and American systems, both as regards rapidity of transmission and perfect safety of delivery. Our clerks could hardly, with impunity, fail to find a pile of letters that had been in the office for many weeks, or to destroy others for the sake of making a stamp album. They do so in Italy yet. It is rather desirable to be forewarned that a rare American stamp on your letter will probably ensure its being stopped at the post-office. Report says that the wives of certain postmasters in Italy have the richest albums in Europe.

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THE PRUSSIAN STAMPS.

Prussia is always well represented in the collector's album. The meanest collection in the world is plentifully stocked with stamps from this country, and every lot of continentals imported from Europe, is sure to contain from 50 to 60 Prussias in every hundred.

In the month of November 1850, the first issue took place, and consisted of four stamps, 6 pf. red, 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. blue, and 3 sgr. yellow. Design: in the centre of an oblong erect frame is a portrait of the King to the right, inscription, *Freimarke*, at top, value in letters below; figure of value in lower corners. The central ground is composed of vertical and horizontal lines. The 6 pf. (watermarked with a wreath) is printed in colour on white paper, and the other three, in black on coloured paper. On the first of May 1856, there appeared a stamp differing slightly, from those of the first series, and was of the value of 4 pf. green; Coloured ink on tinted paper.

1857. Three stamps appeared, in device very much like the preceding, only on a solid ground and printed in colour on white paper, 1 sgr. rose 2 sgr. blue, 3 sgr. yellow. The next issue consisted of five labels. The central ground of these was cross-lined. The portrait of the King, in this as well as in the second emission, is more distinct and looks much better: in the first issue his Majesty appears to be under the influence of Morpheus, wearing a dull, heavy expression, the eyes seem closed up, and his whole countenance resembles that of a man who was "tired and sleepy." The values and colours are 4 pf. green, $\frac{1}{2}$ spfg. red, 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. blue, and 3 sgr. yellow.

In September 1857 the envelopes were emitted. These stamps have been pronounced handsome by connoisseurs: the King looks exceedingly well here, much better than he does anywhere else. There were three envelopes in all and consisted of an embossed profile of the King to right in broad oval embossed white

lined frame, inscription, value in words, numeral, expressive of the value, below. Two threads run across. 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. lilac—light and dark, 3 sgr. yellow.

1851. In an embossed octagonal frame, the head of King Frederick to right appears, figure denoting value at top, and two threads across profile. Frame is different in each stamp. 4 sgr. brown, 5 sgr. lilac, 6 sgr. green, 7 sgr. red. This last stamp is similar to the others except that the portrait is in an oval, and the number is in lower margin.

1861-65. Spread eagle in oval in external octagonal frame, inscribed *Preussen* above, value below, in words, figures in four corners. 3 pf. mauve.

1865—Illustration of this stamp is here supplied), 4 pf. green, 6 fgp. vermilion. The next series were devoid of external frame, and consisted of an oval containing the spread-eagle, *Preussen* at top value on each side of oval denticulated; 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. blue, 3 sgr. stope.

1861—ENVELOPES. Embossed spread-eagle, in oval embossed lined frame. The letters F. R. (Frederick Rex) on eagle's body. Black printed inscription in right upper corner of envelope. 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. blue, 3 sgr. brown.

1862. Across the middle of the stamp is printed in black the inscription, which certainly does not add much to its beauty. 1 sgr. rose, 2 sgr. blue, and 3 sgr. brown.

1866.—In a transverse oblong frame with spandrils lined, is a large numeral of value, in centre of an oval disk, with groundwork made of minute representations of the Prussian eagle. *Postmarke* in the cypher, in oval band is *Preussen* at top and *silb-gr* below, 10 *silb. gr. rose*.

The groundwork of the next stamp is composed of forty-two minute repetitions of the value in words, in an oblong frame, large numerals denoting value, each containing *Postmarke*; *Preussen* above, *silb. gr.* below, on white labels. A border consisting of eagles, goes round the stamp; 30 *silb. gr.*

Several essays have been brought out; one as follows: within an oblong erect frame, in solid octagonal disk, with ornamental border, is a crowned eagle: a post-horn is grasped by her right foot. Inscription *Post-freimarke* above, and on sides, *silbergr.* below, figure 3 in small white shield in lower angles; 3 *silbergroschen*, black, yellow, on cardboard.

POST OFFICE CHANGES.—We have been informed that James Hale, Esq., Money Order Superintendent, has moved his office from Fredericton to this city, and has also taken charge of the Money Order business of the St. John office, and has Mr. Woodrow, the former Money Order clerk of the office here, for an assistant. Mr. Albert McLeod is a "new clerk"



in the St. John Post Office, which now remains open till nine o'clock in the evening. Mr. William Paisley is now Secretary of the General Post Office.

The following letter from the Postal authorities of Prince Edward Island, handed us for publication, effectually proves the correctness of our remarks, in the *Gazette* for February, concerning the "bogus P. E. I. essays:"

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 14th, 1867.

Dear Sir,

I have to apologise for not replying to yours of 23rd January last with reference to the report of a new issue of Stamps. Having mislaid your note I was unable to reply to it before. I beg to inform you that we have no intention of getting anything of the kind. What has given rise to the report I cannot imagine.

I am, Sir, your Obedt. Servant,

P. DESBRISAY.

MR. F. HUNTER, Box 273, St. John, N. B.

In consequence of not having received any answers to the *Enigma*, *Transpositions* and *Cryptograph* published by us last month, we again insert them hoping that our readers will exert themselves a little and endeavour to solve some at least.

MONEY ORDERS.—Amount of Orders drawn at Post Office, St. John, during the month of March, \$1982.50; paid, \$16910.77. Corresponding month last year, drawn, \$1558.28; paid, \$13812.94.

"**TWELVE TIMES A YEAR.**"—A new magazine issued in Louisville Ky., has been laid on our table. The number before us looks well, its typographical appearance is very creditable, and the contents embrace choice selections from several English magazines, and other publications. Original stories will appear in its columns shortly. About half of this monthly is taken up with advertisements. Address. F. I. Dibble, Louisville, Ky.

"**MERRYMAN'S MONTHLY**" of New York, for this month is a capital number.

The estimated number of Valentines despatched from or delivered in London this year was close upon two millions, yielding an amount of postage considerably above £10,000.

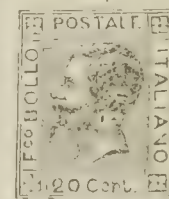
A gentleman in England intends issuing at an early day, in fortnightly parts, a complete Catalogue of all known Stamps. We wish the enterprise every success.

Donatis' great comet will be visible to mortal eyes again in the year A. D. 3858. Cut this paragraph out, and don't fail to see it.

Newly Issued Stamps.

We have, this month a much larger number of new stamps to chronicle than we have had for some time.

It is a proverbial fact, that as the season advances the many stamp employing countries throughout the universe, send forth new issues of postal labels in rapid succession. We have therefore in this number of the *Gazette* a large budget of timbrophilic items to offer. Our first illustration is that of the new 20 cent Italy, described in our columns a short time ago.



Speaking of Italy, there is going the round of the Continental press a description of a rather handsome stamp, representing label which is intended no doubt as a bill stamp; but owing, it is said, to the unsettled state of affairs existing in Venetia it was used, (either with the sanction of the authorities or, overlooked by them) for postage by a soldier on a letter to his parents from Verona on the first of December 1866. The stamp first appeared, we learn, on the 1st November 1866. Design: in a rectangular frame is an oval containing a portrait of a Queen (Italy) crowned, to the right, at top is *Lire Italiane* 0. 10, below is *fior.* 0. 04, perforated, blue on lilac. Our next engraving represents the 4c. blue, of Spain which received attention in our last issue. The second series of official stamps have been withdrawn on account of some trouble which took place in this "sweet" country. A correspondent in London says "a rumor is again about that, we (Great Britain) are to have a 5d. stamp: it being required for letters to Switzerland &c."

EGYPT. An official stamp, (which would make a capital label to paste on the lid of a pot of blacking) is out. It is a large circular arrangement, having at the top *Poste Vice Reali Egiziane* and below *Alessandria*; in the centre are several Arabic characters signifying *Egyptian Government Post*. The name of the town issuing them is printed at the bottom. They are of nearly every colour known.

PRUSSIA.—More "war stamps" have been discovered which seem to tickle the rather singular taste of the European stamp collector. Brazil also favors us with a field-post envelope.

NEW GRANADA.—A small affair, nearly as small as the Mecklenburg Schwerin $\frac{1}{4}$ has been issued, design: within a frame in the centre the arms of the country are depicted, the outer border has this inscription *Es Us de Columbia Correos del Estados* and within is *Estado de Bolivar* 10c. rose.

HOLSTEIN.—In the 2 schilling blue, latest issue, a slight difference is noticed both in color,

and the border, which latter is now minutely patterned instead of being plain, as formerly.

WURTEMBERG.—Envelopes for post office orders are out, same type as present set 4 kreuzer, orange; 6 kr., deep blue; 7 kr., green; 9 kr., pale brown. There is also we understand a 1 kr., unstamped.

BAVARIA.—This country favours us with a complete set of new postals. They are very hand-some, and to be properly appreciated, must be seen. In the centre of a rectangular frame are the arms of Bavaria, (a shield supported on either side by two lions, with crown above), over which is inscribed *Byern*, below is *Kreuzer*, figure denoting value in four corners, impressed in relief on plain white silk-threaded paper, unperforated kreuzer, green; 3 kr., pink; 6 kr., blue; 9 kr., pale-brown, 12 kr., violet; and 18 kr., red. Considerable praise is due the engraver for the very creditable manner in which he has performed his work.

PORTUGAL.—It is expected, that, in a short time, the 50, 100 and 240 reis will be issued.

SCOTCH LOCALS.—More locals, issued by a circular delivery company in Glasgow, they resemble those of the London company, noticed by us some months since.

In the central shield are the Glasgow arms (a tree, with a fish and a bell at the base, and a bird at the top) one farthing black, one half-penny red. The Edinburgh and Leith Co., have issued a new set, smaller than those of the first issue but identical in design, $\frac{1}{4}$ d., mauve, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green.

CUBA.—A new series have just been emitted differing from last year's set, only in date: even the colour and values are the same, 5c., 10c., 20c., and 40c. The date on the 5c., is this time printed much more distinctly than formerly.

ROUMANIA.—The authorities of this country have borrowed an idea from us (happily, long since numbered among the things that were) which was to cut a stamp into two halves, in cases where the postage amounted to one half the value of the stamp. The supply of 5 paras stamps, it appears was exhausted at Bucharest, whereupon the "powers that be" issued envelopes containing two *and a half* adhesive, 2 p., stamps, placed to the left upper corner. The half stamp is cut diagonally.

FINLAND.—A new stamp of a new value is out, 8 pen. black on green, perforated. A correspondent in London informs us that "a high authority mentions a 10 pen., black on green" [This is evidently an error; 8 pen. is no doubt meant.—ED. GAZETTE], and also that a change has been effected in the 10 kop., of Russia.

FRANCE.—It is currently announced in philatelic circles that a new issue for France, same design as 2c., and 4c., present issue, will soon take place. The 5 franc stamp is "in active preparation and will shortly be produced."

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—The Stamps for these islands, which received our attention some months ago, have just now come into general circulation.

SWITZERLAND.—We learn the 10c. blue is to be printed in red, the 30c., now red, in blue. The expected 50c. is to rejoice in a delicate violet colour.

LIVERPOOL.—The Parcel Delivery Company of this great English city, have issued a set of labels which will be peculiarly interesting to collectors of local and express stamps.

INDIA.—A new postal label is shortly to appear.

NEW GRANADA.—Five more new Stamps for this Colonial Republic have just been issued. They are all lithographed, and printed in color on plain white unwatermarked paper. As they all differ considerably in design, we give a description of each, individually.

The 5 centavos, yellow and orange, is an octagon with scalloped border, inscription, *E. E. U. U., De Colombia Correos Nacionales*, goes round the Stamp; value below. In the centre, the arms of the Republic appear. The 10cs, lilac, has the arms within a wavy, rounded corner band, in a rectangular frame. At top is *E. E. U. U., de Colombia*; below, *Correos Nales*, value at bottom. 20cs., blue; in the centre of a rectangular frame, is an oval containing the arms, on the top of the shield is an eagle grasping a scroll, on which is inscribed the motto, *Libertad y Orden*,—Liberty and Order 50cs, green; rectangular; in the centre the arms appear surrounded by stars; *E. U. De Colombia* on scroll above; 50 cent below; *Correos* at left side; *Nales* towards the right; numeral denoting value at top and bottom; ornaments in the corners and sides. 1 Peso, bright vermilion; the centre piece of this Stamp resembles that of the 20 centavos; the eagle has the same motto within its claws, and gracefully resumes the same attitude. As on the 20c the National colors appear from the sides of the shield bearing the arms. In a scroll at the top *E's U's de Colombia* can be seen; *Correos* at left, and *Nales* at right side; value in letters below; figure 1 in four corners, rectangular.

New Granada is now known as the United States of Columbia. The method of perforating postal labels has evidently not reached this half civilized and exceedingly backward Country, for none of the set here described, have that important improvement.

BRESLAU.—A series of Stamps are in preparation for a Company,—like the Express Stamps of Dresden: they are to be lithographed on white paper and perforated.

SERVIA.—The set is now completed by the addition of a 20 para, pink, which is printed on thin paper.

AUSTRIA.—Four Railway Stamps are out,

SWEETZLETOES.

To the subscriber who shall transmit to us the first correct answer to the above enigma, we shall mail one of our 50 cent packets of *unused Stamps*, all warranted genuine, and in perfect condition.

CRYPTOGRAPH.

Xipgp, gpjtdui, uihg, godbbndm, pg, gdsd-u, xshuhmf, uidgznd, gizij, sd, bdhtd, zmvins-gde, udm, bdnvg, idx, csvmgxhbl, quznog, gpsiug, ozhug

An unused 10 cent New Brunswick Stamp will be given to the subscriber who correctly answers the cryptograph above

TRANSPPOSITIONS.

1. Fecchrrrrnnpseeetioooooolla on a Postage Stamp.

2. Tttttttfheccedgpfeccececeennnoooooaaarmssi on a Stamp.

We will give for first accurate answer to No. 1 61 centime elgium (*unused*). No. 2 a 1 set United States *unused*.

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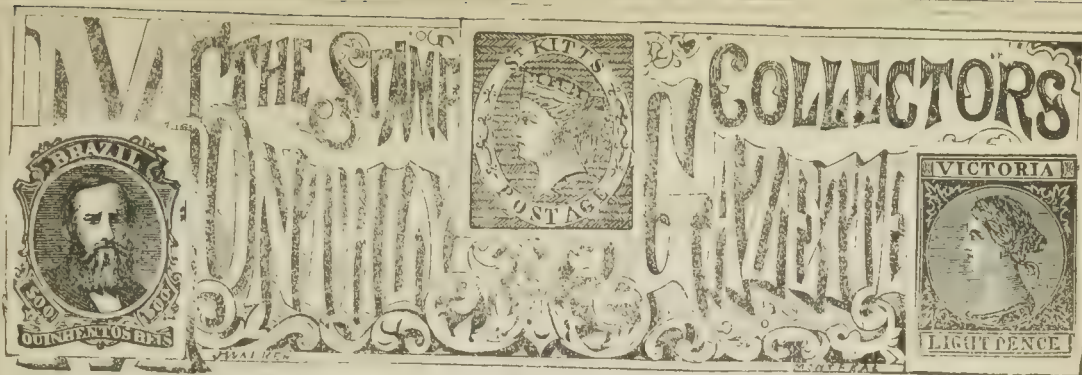
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CHAPTER V.

(Concluded).

The means by which Dr. Bland resolved to destroy his rival, Charles Rivers, were after all much the same as a mere ordinary assassin might have chosen. He resolved many plots in his mind, but none of them seemed suitable for the circumstances of the case; for it was above all things necessary that no shade of suspicion should be cast on him. He determined to poison Charles Rivers but in such a way that it might appear that he had died of disease of the heart, or some such sudden visitation. Being the only medical man in the vicinity, he trusted that if an investigation took place and an inquest were held, that he, being a friend of the family, and altogether above suspicion, would be called on to make the post-mortem examination, and that he could give such evidence as would suit his own purposes. In any case he knew that none of the resident practitioners of the county were sufficiently well up in that branch of medical science to detect the presence of the subtle poison which he intended to use for it was a vegetable extract of his own discovering, of so deadly a character that the person taking it died instantly, and without any of those frightful contortions which make some poisons so terrible in their operation. He determined that on the very first occasion when Charles should visit him he would carry out the dreadful plot which he had been maturing, and for this purpose he had a preparation of this poison made and placed in the bottom of a wine glass whenever the fatal visit should be made. This glass was locked in the wine-closet of his room, and was destined to be the last draught of its victim.

The morning of the wedding day dawned, but Dr. Bland had as yet had no opportunity of carrying out his dark design,—for with wise forethought he determined to use no noticeable

means to bring Charles to his house, knowing that in the course of a few days he would certainly call as was his custom. The wedding passed off as pleasantly as could be desired,—the house was filled with guests—the bridegroom was as is usual all smiles—and the bride all blushes—the old people were sedate and merry—and the young people noisy and mirthful. Dr. Bland was there, and like a cold-hearted hypocrite preserved a pleasant, conventional, outward smile. No one could have suspected that under that specious and smooth surface lurked the cold heart and treacherous soul of an assassin. The world is bad enough and vile enough at all times, yet it is but seldom it has been polluted by the presence of a reptile so vile as Dr. Bland.

About a week after the marriage the opportunity for which Dr. Bland was waiting came. He was sitting in his room as he had sat for days before, waiting the coming of his victim, when he descried him riding towards the house. In a few seconds he was seated beside him in his room.

Dr. Bland was never more cordial in his greeting, or more friendly than he was on this occasion when he was plotting against the life of his guest. He congratulated him on his happiness, and with such an air of sincerity that Charles could not help a feeling of increased regard for him in turn. After some conversation about indifferent topics Dr. Bland said:—

"Come, let us drink the health of your lady, I have some excellent port here which cannot be put to a better use. I generally abstain altogether from wine, you know, but in festival seasons like this, it is quite another matter."

"Well," said Charles, I have no objections. But if there is any virtue in drinking healths mine should be excellent for the remainder of my life."

Dr. Bland went to the closet and took out two glasses and a bottle of port. Raising the glass containing the poison he filled it with wine and laid it on the table beside Charles. Filling another, he set it in front of his own seat. At that instant, strong and firm of purpose as he was, his heart failed him, and he felt that he

must, for an instant, compose himself before he could proceed further without betraying himself by his emotions.

He said hurriedly, "I will bring in some cakes," and immediately left the room. How ardently he wished that Rivers might take one sip of the wine before he returned,—only one that would leave a gulf as wide and deep as Eternity between them!

The table on which the wine was placed was one which Dr. Bland had arranged for himself to read at. When he wished in the course of his reading to consult various books, and for greater convenience, it moved on a pivot in the centre, and could be turned with ease.

Rivers had often noted the peculiar mechanism of this table, and as Dr. Bland was absent for some moments he amused himself by spinning it around on its pivot, thinking as he did so, perhaps, of the late event in his life, or possibly musing on some knotty law point, or quite as likely not thinking of anything in particular.

By the time he had got tired of turning the table, the poisoned glass of wine rested opposite Dr. Bland's own seat. An accident equally trifling frequently spoils the plans of much more astute men than even the astute and wily assassin.

Dr. Bland having recovered from his sudden weakness returned with a plate of cakes in his hand, and found Rivers still alive and the wine untouched. He excused himself for his delay, and sat down opposite Charles. He had acquired such absolute possession of all his faculties, that the most careful observer could not have detected a single trace of emotion either in his countenance, or his manner. He raised the glass without his hand trembling in the slightest degree, at the same time watching Rivers who placed his glass at the same moment to his lips—and in another moment Rivers was horrified to see Dr. Bland stretched on the floor a corpse! The first impulse of Rivers was to raise the dead man from the floor, for he at first supposed he had only fainted, but finding that life was gone, he ran to find some of the domestics. None were there, for Dr. Bland had given them all a fortnight's holiday, that he might carry out his plan of assassination the more readily. Rivers returned to the room where the dead man was, and lifted the glass which had fallen from his hand. It had an odor of something stronger and decidedly different from port wine, and in an instant the first dawning of the true state of the case burst upon his mind. The mystery which hung over past events was removed,—the veil which concealed his undiscovered enemy from him was torn away in the corpse before him. He knew the man who had repeatedly sought his life, and who but for a mere accident would have accomplished his purpose then.

Charles Rivers mounted his horse and galloped to the nearest house, telling its inmates of the death of Dr. Bland, and bidding them send

at once for the coroner. He then hastened at an equally furious pace towards Mr. Alton's, and told them the strange news. In a short time the whole neighbourhood was aroused, and numbers of people were hastening towards the place where the dead man was. So powerful is curiosity that it overcomes the natural repugnance that we feel to gaze on the pallid faces of the dead, and reconciles us to the contemplation of the most repulsive forms of mortality.

It is unnecessary to describe how much every one, especially those best acquainted with the deceased, was shocked at his sudden fate. His brother was placed in an agony of grief, and gazed on the pale face of the dead man with feelings which only a brother can experience. He was, however, forced from the spot on which he appeared to be rivetted, for the coroner was in the room, and before the corpse could be removed it was necessary for the inquest to be held. The result of the inquest fully justified the sagacity of Dr. Bland and his estimate of the surgical knowledge of the medical men in the neighbourhood, for when the result of their investigations was laid before the jury a verdict was returned that he died by the visitation of God.

And here our tale may rest, for there is little to add to what has already been told. Charles Rivers, like an honest true hearted man, kept the dreadful secret in his own breast, or if he breathed it to any human being, he trusted it only to the one who should be the confidante of every man in such matters,—his wife. To have given it further publicity, would only have resulted in breaking the heart of Dr. Bland's noble-hearted and excellent brother Edward, who, after a reasonable time had elapsed, was married to Ellen Foster. He, of course, succeeded to all his brother's property.

Dr. Bland was missed by no one more than by the excellent Mrs. Alton who lamented him to the last hour of her life, and spoke of him in terms which a saint might envy. Little the proud woman knew the real character of the man whose tinsel of assumed godliness shone so brightly. But to have undeceived her would have been an unprofitable and unnecessary task. It is better to live and die in ignorance than to acquire knowledge at the expense of all faith in human honesty, and all confidence in human virtue. No one is more to be pitied than the generous open-hearted man who begins life by trusting in all men, and taking them for gold; and who ends it by believing in no man's honesty, and regarding all men as knaves and hypocrites in disguise, and their show of worth as the merest tinsel.

SWISS TELEGRAPHS.—A most important feature in the Swiss telegraphic system, is the arrangement between the postal and telegraphic authorities, by which money orders may be sent by *telegraph*, instead of by *post*.—*Times*.

Postal Chat-Chat.

MONEY ORDERS.—The amount of orders drawn at the Superintendent's office, St. John, during the month of April, was \$2021.41; paid \$16535.93. Corresponding month last year, drawn, \$1731.77; paid \$13212.61.

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Fifteen thousand dollars worth of stamps were sold in Boston on the 16th ult., to put on a Western Railroad bond, representing thirty million dollars.

Our attentive correspondent in Concord N. H., sends us some letter back addresses:

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Who lives in Concord, Hampshire state
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Please Mr. Nick,
Just give this same

To the first one that comes
Of the four I shall name:

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And next is Miss Lizzie, who lives on the hill,
And third is Louisa, that don't live by the sea,
And the last is Miss Julia who is courted by P.

Mrs. Julear an Lewes,
Reachman For year
Box, 966.

(Supposed to be German-English, for *Richmond, Virginia*).

WATERMARKED NEW SOUTH WALES.—By the last mail we have another vagary of watermark on the present sixpenny stamp. Previous mails brought us copies watermarked 5, they now come watermarked 12, being printed on the paper for the shilling stamp.—*Philatelist*.

THE Bombay papers mention the transmission to England last mail, by letter post, of the celebrated Sancy diamond, through Messrs. Forbes & Co., of Bombay. Although the story of the Sancy diamond is not so remarkable as those of some other historic gems, it is still sufficiently noteworthy. The diamond was found

on the body of Charles the Bold, Duke of Burgundy, after his defeat in 1476, by the Swiss. It was purchased in 1479 by the King of Portugal, and ten years later it was sold by him to Nicholas De Baily, Baron De Sancy, from whom it derives its name. The Baron De Sancy sent it as a present to the King of France and the servant who had charge of the gift, being attacked by robbers, proved himself equal to the occasion, and swallowed the diamond. We must assume that his death speedily followed on this act of devotion, for according to the story, the stone was found in his body. It afterwards came into the possession of James II of England, by whom it was sold for £25,000 to Louis XIV. During the French Revolution, the Sancy diamond disappeared, but was afterwards recovered and purchased by Napoleon I, by whom it was afterwards sold to Prince Paul Demidoff. It is valued at from £200,00 to £30,000, is pear shaped, and weighs 53½ carats.—*Pull Mall Gazette*.

The contract with the Cunard line of Steamers plying between New York and Liverpool, and carrying the mails to and from the Old and New World will expire next year, and immediately after the expiration, the postage on letters either way, will be reduced one half its present exorbitant rate. A book post between England and America is also to be established.

THE FRENCH POST OFFICE.—The following is told in connection with the *Poste Restante* Department of the Paris Post Office:—

One day a gentleman, who showed great agitation, and dragging by the arm a young lady in a half fainting condition, entered the bureau and asked in a fierce tone if there was a letter for Madame L——. The clerk carefully went over the packet from L pigeon hole, "Nothing for Madame L——." An hour afterward the young lady returned, this time alone, and almost tremblingly approached the counter. The clerk saw her, and before she had time to speak, "Here is your letter, Madame; on no account whatever could I deliver it to any one but yours self." Madame L——, adds M. Dacamp, has entertained the very highest regard for the *poste restante* ever since.

• A veteran United States mail carrier named Jacob Graft, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-nine years, died at Bedford, Pa., on the first of December last. The deceased had been a resident of Somerset County, for upwards of sixty years. He was the first man that carried a mail from Philadelphia to Pittsburg by this route, carrying it on horseback from point to point, and consuming about two weeks in making a trip.

The clerks of the New York post office have collected a sufficient sum of money to purchase five hundred bushels of corn for the suffering poor of the South.

DUCKS AND DRAKES.—The "Ladies' window" clerk at one of our post offices, hearing the usual "rap rap" which announced the presence of an applicant for a letter, on going to the window, found there a Mr. *Drake*. "Next window, if you please Mr. *Drake*,—this department is exclusively for *Ducks*."

OLD EBONY, in an article descriptive of *American women and children* discloses to the "shuddering" contemplation of the "respectable parents" of Europe this dreadful picture of the dangerous confidence which American fathers and mothers seem to place in the honor of their daughters:—

The unmarried girl of nineteen or twenty, living with her father and mother, has as much freedom of locomotion, companionship, amusement, as her brother of the same age. She accepts invitations and pays visits on her own account, and does not think it at all necessary to ask permission of her elders. Sometimes she has the privilege of the latch key if she stays out late at the theatre. Still oftener she has the privilege, if she chooses to exercise it, of her own private box or pigeon-hole at the post-office of the town where she resides, where she can have her letters addressed, and whither by a "Ladies' Entrance," where no profane male can intrude, she can resort when she pleases and unlock her box from the outside, and take away her letters without observation. The merchants, bankers, and lawyers of the town, for a small annual payment, have their private letter-boxes, and why not she? To young women at the susceptible age, only half educated, and whose favourite reading is the trashy novels that are reprinted from the English penny papers, or that appear for the first time in American periodicals of the same character—novels in which there cannot be too much love, or bigamy, or murder, for the prevalent taste of a class—the post-office system offers a facility for clandestine correspondence, which no respectable father or mother on the European side of the Atlantic would think of without a shudder, if it were proposed to give our young women a similar privilege. The young unmarried girls of Europe living with their parents, can, if they earnestly set about it, carry on a secret correspondence with persons of the other sex, but they cannot do it easily. They must take the neighbouring pastrycook or stationer into their confidence; but in America the confidence of no third party is necessary. If a boy can receive letters, why not a girl? The *demos* is of no sex; and the young and old, men and women, fathers, mothers, and children, are all mashed and brazen in one mortar of republican equality.

POSTMAN'S POETRY.—In England, letters are carried in the rural districts by what are known as "country-walking postmen." One of them, Edward Capern, "the Wayside Poet", who is mentioned in Elihu Burritt's recent work descriptive of a pedestrian journey through

England, thus describes the joys of a carrier's life:—

"O! the postman's is as blessed a life
As any one's, I trow,
If leaping the stile o'er many a mile
Can blessedness bestow.

"If tearing your way through a tangled wood,
Or dragging your limbs through a lawn;
If wading knee-deep through an angry flood,
Or a plough'd field newly sown,—

"If sweating big drops 'neath a burning sun,
And shiv'ring mid sleet and snow;
If drenched to the skin, with rain, be fun,
And can a joy bestow;

"If toiling away through a weary week,
(No six days work, but seven)
Without one holy hour to seek
A resting place in heaven:

"If hearing the bells ring Sabbath chimes.
Who bid us all repair
To church (as in the olden times)
And bend the knee in prayer;

"If in these bells he hears a voice—
'To thy delivery!'
God says to every soul 'rejoice,'
But, postman, not to thee.

"Oh, the postman's is a blessed life!
And sighing heavily.
'Ha, ha,' he'll say, alack a-day!
'Where's Britain's piety?'

"Heigho! I come and go
Through the muck and miry slough:
Heigho! I come and go,
Heavy at heart and weary O!

"Heigho! Heigho!
Does any one pray for the postman? No!
No! no! no! no!
Or he would not be robbed of his Sabbath so!

It is gratifying to know that this poetical complaint led to an amelioration of his condition by his official superiors, who increased his pay of ten shillings and six-pence per week, and relieved him from his Sunday labors.

LETTER ADDRESSES.

A letter arrived at the Post office in Chicago, a short time since, bearing the following address

Mr. George T. Pugh
tuke twaie, Percy County
Elen Wouise.

After a long time had been spent in endeavouring to decipher it, this result was arrived at,
George T. Pugh,

Dequoui,
Perry County
Illinois.

Speed, speed ye to Memphis, in old Tennessee,
Where there is a friend who is waiting for thee ;
He is not an old resident, but a new comer,
And ever subscribes himself BURILL T. PLUMER,
But maybe 'twere well that the mail men should
know

I'd have this to reach E. S. BURRILL & Co. :
And further, to make this direction complete,
Their number is 201 on Main street

"In the State of Minnesota there is a Town so
pretty

That they have christened it 'Garden City.'
Now this is the place for this message to go,
But the name of the country I really don't know.
Still, in hopes that John Wilson 'twill reach
without fail,

We will send it afloat in Uncle Sam's Mail."

"P. M. of Garden Prairie Illinois.
Please hand this to the 'Porter boys,'
For sister 'Lib,' who feels so nice
Since she has captured Mr. Tice."

With only three cents, my expenses to pay,
I have started out on a journey to-day,
If the P. Ms. are kind, and hurry me through,
Capt. Frank, I will soon have a welcome
from you.

I am going to Oil City, State of Pa.,
Please hurry me on without any delay.
It is Saturday night, almost eleven,
Put me in box One Hundred Thirty Seven.

"Go, little missive, in pursuit
Of Samuel Haynes, the sweet 'galoot,'
In Franklin City, Keystone State,
He does reside, or did of late,
And if, by chance, he does neglect you,
Come back to me, and I'll protect you."

To St. John's—speed away! Speed away!
Linger not, rest not, night nor day,
Till you're clasped in the cordial hand
Of the fairest, best maid in all the land :
For tho' you search long, you'll go many a
mile e'er

You find such a girl as my friend, *Rosy Tyler*.
Lizzie Swegles, moreover, in this has a share,
She's bonny blue eyes and superb golden hair;
With a step most blithe and figure *petite*,
She'll challenge ye all for another as neat.
Now my message—your part is easily found,
If you will only remember for where you are
bound,—

To St. John's hie away, as fast as you can.
'Tis in Clinton County, the State's Michigan.

The following address, on a letter from *London* (intended for "Mrs. Howard, South Highland St., opposite Hall St."), shows how "the ruling passion" for H-dropping is sometimes developed in a very queer way by the good folks in the "[H] old country."

Mrs. Oward,
2 South Island St.,
Opposite All St.,
—Mass.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR'S Monthly Gazette.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY, 1867.

With this number the STAMP COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY GAZETTE closes its career. For two years it has gone forth regularly, freighted with timbrophilic information for the benefit of its numerous readers ; but it will do so no more. Its race is run. To many this will cause surprise and disappointment, but it is inevitable: new enterprises require all our spare time, and to continue the *Gazette* would be unjust to ourselves and to our patrons.

Of the reasons which induced the publication of the *Gazette* it is needless now to say anything. Its success in every respect exceeded our expectations, and though it may be small compared with magazines devoted to other pursuits, yet, with the exception of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and the *Philatelist*, both published in England, it has for a long time past been the largest in the world. Of its merits as a magazine devoted to a novel speciality, it is not meet that we should give an opinion,—of these its readers and contemporaries must be the judges.

Our constant desire was to place before our readers the latest and most reliable information on stamp affairs, and save collectors as far as possible from the roguery of unprincipled dealers. From first to last we have opposed and exposed faithfully and fearlessly the forgers and venders of fictitious stamps, though many dodges have been tried to buy our silence or our support. In doing so, the *Gazette* incurred the enmity of fraudulent dealers, but such did not disturb its equanimity or retard its progress. Philatelists loved it all the more for its honesty and efforts in their behalf, and gave it in consequence a generous and hearty support, exceeding far the most sanguine expectations of its projector, and exemplifying in a striking manner the truth of the trite old adage, "honesty's the best policy." In this feature, we think, the *Gazette* will be remembered by its friends and patrons.

But the *Gazette* will not only be remembered for its exposures of dishonest dealers, but also for its monthly records of new and genuine issues of stamps in every quarter of the globe. In this it was always up to time,—seldom or never behind any of its contemporaries, and sometimes in advance of them all. This was due to its extensive foreign correspondence, the benefit of which was always freely given to its many readers and patrons. The information thus obtained was sometimes used by pirates of the press without recognition or acknowledgment, but though this at times somewhat annoyed us, yet it did no permanent injury, and now that we are about to bid our contem-

poraries a long adieu we cheerfully forgive all such offenders.

The success of the *Gazette* stimulated rivalry. Other papers sprang into existence, but few of them lived long, and of the many in this and other cities in America that claimed attention and support subsequent to our *debut*, one only now remains viz., the "*The Postman's Knock*" published also in this city for gratuitous circulation; and to such of our friends who still take an interest in stamp affairs we would say send and get this *reliable* periodical.

In thinking over the past, we cannot bid good-bye to the English periodicals named above (viz., the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and the *Philatelist*) without making acknowledgment of the honorable way in which they have acted uniformly towards the *Gazette*: and to such of our readers as desire to be well informed on the stamp and postal affairs of the world, we earnestly recommend these journals as worthy of their confidence and support. The publishing price of the former is one dollar per annum, and of the latter seventy five cents.

To the Press, also, of Saint John and other cities in Europe and America, we tender our warmest thanks for the many friendly notices with which they favored us from time to time. This kindness will ever be remembered with gratitude.

We also take this opportunity of thanking publicly Messrs W. D. Atlee and E. Clark of London, and E. S. Gibbons, of Plymouth, England, M. Moens of Brussels, P. Mahe, and M. A. Maury, of Paris, Zschiesche & Koder of Leipzig, M. Carl, of Geneva, J. G. Topali, of Messina, Italy, R. Schloff, of St. Petersburg, Russia, and others. Mr. Nutter of Montreal, must also be acknowledged as a particular friend who took a warm interest in the *Gazette*, and was indefatigable in trying to promote its interests.

Those of our subscribers whose term is not expired will have the balance due to them refunded either in cash, or stamps, as they may desire. Parties indebted to the *Gazette* will oblige greatly by remitting immediately; and those whom we owe will please send along their bills at once and get paid.

FRIENDS AND PATRONS,—GOOD-BYE!

Since our present Post Master General has been in office he has bestowed many benefits on our citizens. The improvements he has made in the several Post Offices throughout the province, and the zeal and activity he displays whilst fulfilling the obligations of his office, show that he is determined "no stone shall be left unturned" for the proper performance of his duty. Since the retirement of the Hon. Chas. Connell, the Post Master Generalship of this province was but imperfectly filled, until the present incumbent Hon. John McMillan entered the arena. Not only has he instituted numerous changes in relation to the arrival and

departure of the mails, removed the inland postage on pamphlets to publishers, etc, reduced the postage on newspapers to foreign countries, and given further facilities to the Money Order office in transacting its rapidly increasing business, but he has also made arrangements with the Post Master General of the neighbouring Republic for the introduction of the registration system between the two countries. This latter act of the P. M. G. is what the lamented Artemus Ward would call a "sweet boon."

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—We have received from the editor, Thos. N. Burrows, Esq., No 10 of volume 15 of the above serial. It is a well printed magazine of some 24 pages of reading matter, chiefly educational, and about the same number of advertising pages. The information afforded to the students, relative to the progress of the principal schools in the United States is considerable, and the *critiques* on the latest books of the day are written in a fair and impartial style. The terms are \$1.00 a year, in advance.

THE CHURCH MAGAZINE published in this city by Mr. W. M. Wright, in entering upon its third volume, is greatly enlarged, illustrated, and otherwise improved. The price is only 75 cents per annum. It is in the interests of the Church of England.

PRIZE PUZZLES IN OUR LAST.—The answer to the Enigma that appeared in last month's *Gazette* is "*Ceylon Postage, one shilling and nine pence, and Cape of Good Hope Postage four pence.*" R. C., *Syracuse, N. Y.*, received the 50 cent packet for solving it correctly. "*Nix's*" answer came too late as did also several other correspondents' solutions.

The answers to Transpositions are, 1. *Correos poste franco colon Chile.* 2. *The Confederate States of America, postage ten cents.*

Answer to Cryptograph. "*Whoso solveth this specimen of secret writing, the same shall receive an unused ten cent New Brunswick stamp for his pains.*"

The Transpositions and Cryptograph had no solvers.

Newly Issued Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Shortly, from this Republic, will be issued an adhesive stamp of a new value, viz., 20 cents. It is intended to be used chiefly for Registered letters.

MORESNET.—Some years ago a coloured individual hailing from "Afric's burning clime" was describing to a noted geographer a small place near the coast of Africa. The man versed in descriptions of the earth, denied that there was such a place at all; and taking from his bookcase an atlas, that was warranted to con-

tain the name of every place in the world, desired the Ethiopian to point it out on the map. Sambo, after looking some time for it, but in vain, remarked, "dat it was not dar now, but would be in about a week."

The above story will apply to this case, for who ever heard of the "Republic of Moresnet?" None, until now, we are certain; and were it not for stamp collecting, many years would elapse, we trow, ere the world would know that there is such a republic. Well, this country has issued four stamps—rather a good beginning—and the engraver and designer deserve credit for their very neat and elegant work. The design is, within a rectangular frame is a circle, over which the Cap of Liberty appears, containing the arms, consisting of a Lion in a pugilistic attitude, towards left side, and an Eagle gracefully sitting or standing (we know not which) on that somewhat popular instrument of music—the jews-harp; the circular band going round the whole, has the inscription: *Commune Libre de Moresnet*, below on a wavy scroll is *Postes*: figure denoting value, in four corners. 10 centimes lilac, green, 20c. orange, red, 12½c. red, 25c., blue. Colored impression on white paper, watermarked with Cap of Liberty, perforated. This "republic"—which for aught we know, may be a "goak"—is situated between Belgium and Prussia.

BELGIUM.—Two more new stamps are expected, 6 and 8 centimes.

FRANCE.—As we announced last month, France is commencing to issue her new set of stamps, of the same design as present 2 and 4 cents. The one before us is the 30c., and the colour is olive brown. It looks well.

GUATEMALA.—Essays for this republic are out.

ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

The writer of an article in the *Philatelist* entitled "American Philatelic Literature," after giving a very concise account of this subject, broaches the idea that a list of English and Continental publications might be interesting to collectors.

Taking advantage of this idea, we intend to lay before our readers a complete catalogue of the Philatelic literature of England, and the continent. This list being compiled by an English dealer having (with one or two exceptions) all the works mentioned in the list, in his own library, may be taken as authentic.

We shall first give the periodicals, then catalogues, albums, &c., commencing with England.

The Stamp Collector's Review has the honor of being the leader of stamp magazines. The first number (which with the second was entitled *The Monthly Advertiser*) was published on 15th Dec., 1862 by Edward Moore & Co., at Liverpool, and continued by them until June 1863, when they dissolved partnership. Nine-

teen numbers issued. First volume contained 148 pages.

The Stamp Collector's Magazine made its appearance about two months after the last named, namely, on 1st February 1863. It being the standard magazine for collectors reading the English language, a description is unnecessary. The first volume being out of print fetches a high price.

The Liverpool Stamp Advertiser was started May 1st, 1863, under the management of Mr. F. G. Jones. Its fourth number changed its name to *Liverpool and Newport*, its editors being Stamp & Co., of Newport, and date of issue altered to 15th. In May 1864 it was incorporated with the *Newcastle & Gateshead Stamp Advertiser & Review*. The publication ceased the month after (June), in its fourteenth number. Vol. contains 116 pages.

The Stamp Collector's Journal was the title of a paper issued by E. C. Hall & Co., of Hartlepool in July 1863. 8 pages; only one number published.

The International Postage Stamp Review, published by M. Welfare of London, in 1863, on 1st and 15th of the month. From August 1st to September 1st, inclusive; issued on large paper from Sept. 15th to Dec.; same size as *S. C. Magazine*, 8 pages each number, of which there were six in new, and three in old series.

Once-A-Month was the title of a rather large sheet of four pages commenced by Gloyn, Alley & Gloyn, at Manchester in September 1863; after five issues a new series appeared same size as *S. C. Magazine*, on 15th March 1864, No 2 being put forth 1st May. After reaching nine numbers it ceased. 16 pages each.

The National Stamp Express, published in London by R. Evans & Co., in January 1864, but in August "was no more." Seven numbers issued. Volume contained 46 pages.

Newcastle & Gateshead Stamp Advertiser & Review, published by John Burrell & Co., Shieldfield, on 1st January, 1864. After three numbers it ceased, being incorporated with the *Liverpool & Newport Stamp Advertiser*. Volume of 22 pages.

London & New York Stamp Collector's Review. Two numbers as described in *Philatelist*.

Weymouth Stamp & Crest Advertiser. We have a number of this magazine dated Dec., 1863, in which mention is made of "our last number," so we conclude there was a previous issue, although we have not seen one. In February the size was reduced to crown 8vo., the last being published in May. This magazine now changed its title, and appeared as *The Stamp Collector's Miscellany* in July 1864, until May following, when it concluded its volume with the eleventh number. This and the preceding magazine were issued by D. Dean in Weymouth, and contained 224 pages.

Northumberland & Durham Stamp Advertiser, published by D. James & Co., in Newcastle upon Tyne. No. 1 issued February 1864;

in June the right of publishing transferred to R. Chambers of Gateshead, discontinued in November; ten issues. Volume contains 72 pages.

The British & Foreign Stamp & Coin Advertiser, a gratis paper, published by A. J. Johns, in Manchester, from May to December 1864,—8 numbers; vol. contains 40 pages.

The North of England Stamp Review, was issued as a gratis magazine in July and August 1864, the new series at 1d. appearing in Sept., and ceasing at its third number. Vol. of 32 pages, published by Thomas Dalston & Co., of Barnard Castle.

Universal Stamp Gazette, published by C. H. Howard, London. Same size as *S. C. Magazine*; one number only published of 24 pages, on 15th September, 1864.

The Collector's Herald, a magazine devoted to fishing, &c., in addition to stamp collecting, was first issued in January 1865, by J. Cheeseman, at Hull, continuing monthly until May, when after an interval No. 6 appeared, January, 1866. In May, however, the tenth and last number was issued; volume contains 98 pages. In June a small 4-paged circular was issued which was to be continued until November when the *Herald* was again to appear, but it never did so.

The Liverpool Stamp Collector's Journal published by J. C. Wroe, in Liverpool, from April to June 1865 inclusive. Three numbers of eight pages, each.

The Stamp Collector's Pocket Companion, a small paged book issued its first and only number in April 1865, having for its publishers Thorpe & Burns, of Manchester.

Stamp Collector's Examiner, published by A. Parsons & Co., in Leamington, same size as *Stamp Collector's Miscellany*, 24 pages, May 1865. After an interval of a month a new series was issued, one size larger than *S. C. Magazine*, No. 2 in August being the last printed. 16 pages each.

The Bath Stamp & Coin Gazette, & Advertiser.—The only issue was on 1st June 1865, published by C. G. Lansley & Co., of Bath, same size as *S. C. Magazine*, 8 pages.

W. D. Atlee's Stamp Circular, was published by the London house of this firm, on blue circular paper. First issued in Sept. 1865. Now published occasionally.

The Curiosity Collector's Magazine published at Burlington, by the Amateur Association in October and November 1865, each number containing 14 pages. The Association also published the *Amateur* in January 1866; but this can scarcely be called a postal magazine.

Industria & Co's., Monthly Circular, a four paged sheet same size as *S. C. Magazine*, issued monthly from December 1865, to November 1866 inclusive, by the firm whose name it bears at present.

The Boy's Agency Circular, published by W. Lader, at Horsham, Sussex, at the low charge of ½d. each. The only two numbers ap-

peared in March, and May 1866, 8 pages each: size same as *S. C. Miscellany*.

The Boy's Telegram, same size as last named, but on tinted paper, and having 8 pages, was published on Sept. 15th 1866, by Froud & Musgrave, London.

Stamp Courier & Curiosity Advertiser, published by Abbs & Fryer, at Dewsbury, in October 1866; larger size than *Gazette*; one issue of 8 pages only.

The last accession to philatelic literature is the *Philatelist*, which began its (let us hope) successful career on 1st Dec. last.

[Where the size is not named, the same as the *Philatelist* is to be understood.]

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FRENCH.

Le Timbre Poste, commenced February 1863 on large paper. To make the volume complete No. 12 was issued 31st Decr. Vol. of—pages. In January 1864 the size was reduced to post 4to., in which it is still published. Last year the first volume was reprinted with slight alterations, and illustrated (which the original was not) in the same size as remaining years, and contains 55 pages. Vols. 2 and 3 have 96 pages each, and vol 4 has 100 pages. Brussels: Published by J. B. Moens.

Le Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, published in small folio sheets of four pages. Three numbers issued in this size for July, August, and September, when in the last named month they were condensed and published in one number of—pages, a little larger than *S. C. M.* This sheet was numbered 1. 2. and 3. No. 4, being brought out in October, on same sized paper, which is still used. Paris: Maury Fils.

Le Timbrophile, published by P. Mahe, in Paris, on larger paper than last named journals. This magazine made its appearance in November 1864, and is continued to the present time.

GERMAN.

Magazin fur Briefmarken Sammler, published by Zschiesche & Koder, in Leipzig. First number issued—1863, and (we believe) is still published. fep. 4 to.

Allgemeine Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, by Ernst Roschlau, in Coburg. Large size, issued sometime in 1864, but we do not know how many numbers were published, there were certainly four.

Borsenblatt fur den Briefmarken-Handel Published on 1st and 15th of each month. Commenced 1st January 1864. Kaufeuren (Bavaria) G. A. Reichel. Nine numbers issued. Vol. of 36 pages.

Der Deutsche Briefmarken Sammler, published in Hamburg by Spiro Bros. One issued only, in February 1865.

Der Briefmarken Anzeiger. The only number was issued on 20th of June, 1866, by Carl Cardona in Trieste. 8 pages.

MISCELLANEOUS MANUALS,

(NOT BEING PRICE CATALOGUES.)

ENGLISH.

Stamp Collector's Guide. By F. Booty, Brighton, H. & C. Treacher, 1862. 8vo. Illustrated by lithography.

Aids to Stamp Collectors, by the same 1862, fep. 8vo. This work passed through three editions.

Catalogue of British Colonial and Foreign Postage Stamps, by Mount Brown. London; F. Passmore, square 16 mo, 1st edition 1862; 2nd same year; 3rd and 4th in 1864; and 5th in 1865.

A Hand Catalogue of Postage Stamps. By John Edward Gray, Ph. D. F. R. S. F. L. S. F. Z. S. &c.: of the British Museum, London, R. Hardwicke. fep. 8vo. 1st edition 1862, 2nd enlarged to 72 pages in 1862.

On the Falsification of Postage Stamps. By J. B. Moens, Brussels. Translated by E. Doble, Falmouth. Printed by William Tregaskis, 1862. fep. 8vo. 32 pages.

Forged Stamps: How to Detect Them. By Thornton Lewes and Edward Pemberton. Edinburgh. Colston & Son, 1863. 8vo. 36 pages.

Catalogue of nearly 2000 varieties of British, Colonial and Foreign Postage Stamps. By a Collector, Gloucester, 1863. This being an almost verbatim copy of Mount Brown's work, it was suppressed: and is now very scarce.

Standard Guide to Postage Stamp Collecting. By Bellers & Davie, London: John Camden Hotten, 1864. fep. 8vo. 100 pages. Second edition was published later in same year.

Postage Stamps Illustrated. This is a translation by Dr. C. W. Viner, of Moen's work (which see). London, Grinnel & Michael, 1864.

Oppen's Postage Stamp Catalogue and Col-

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lector's Guide. Fourth edition, revised and corrected by Henry Whymper, London, William Stevens, 1864, fcp. 8vo. 80 pages. This is the only edition published in 8vo., in the others the catalogue is bound with the album. The last (9th) edition is also issued separately in fcp. 4to. at 1s. 6d.,—64 pages.

The Illustrated Catalogue of Postage Stamps. By Dr. John Edward Gray, F. R. S. &c. This is the 3rd edition of the Hand Catalogue. London, Marlborough & Co., Bath. Stafford Smith & Smith. 1863. fcp, 8 vo. 96 pages. Fourth edition in 1866, 180 pages.

How to Detect Forged Stamps. By Thomas Dalston; Gateshead: R. Chambers. Bath; Stafford Smith & Smith, 1865, 40 pages.

Postage Stamp Forgeries, or the Collector's Vade Mecum. By J. M. Stourton, London: Truborer & Co., 1865. fcp. 8 vo. 65 pages.

FRENCH.

Catalogue des Timbres-Poste, crees dans les divers etats du Globe, par M. Alfred Potiquet, Paris: Lacroix, 1862. [We have never seen this work; the description is given by a correspondent].

Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, Brussels; J. B. Moens, January 1862, square 16 mo, 72 pages printed on green paper. 2nd edition, same year; 3rd edition in 1863.

Supplement du 2me edition du la Manuel &c. 1863.

Petit Manuel de l'amateur des Timbres-Poste, par Fois Vallete, Paris, 1863.

Illustrations du Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste, Brussels: J. B. Moens, 1863.

De la Falsification des Timbres-Poste, Brussels: J. B. Moens, 1862. fcp 8vo.

GERMAN.

Neusstes Verzeichniss, aller bis jetzt ausgegeben in und auslandischen Briefmarken mit genauer Beschreibung derselben zusammengestellt von C. Beyfuss, Hanover: Georg Wedekind, 1863, 12mo. 68 pages.

Beschreibung der bis jetzt bekannten Briefmarken (mehr als 2200 sorten) nebst notizen ueber die nachgedruckten Marken und einer Anleitung zur Einrichtung von Sammlungen, Strassburg: Wme Berger-Levrault & Sohn, 1864. fcp. 8 vo., 119 pages.

Der Briefmarkenfreund. Leipzig: Moritz Kuhl.

ITALIAN.

Guida di tutti Francobolli, emessi dal 1840, alla fine di Giugno 1864. Firenze: G. Brecker, 1864. 16 mo. 36 pages.

PRICE CATALOGUES.

Only those catalogues published in book-form are inserted in the following list. Considering the many Stamp Merchants we cannot of course

guarantee this to be *complete*. Of some of the works we have cut down the titles, as the length is to great for insertion here.

ENGLISH.

A Descriptive Price Catalogue &c Bath: Stafford Smith & Smith 1st and 2nd editions. 1862. 3rd, 18 pages, 1863. 4th, 24 pages, 1864. 5th, 26 pages, 1865. Alfred Smith & Co., published the 6th edition 1865; 7th in 1866, and 8th this year. All fcp. 4 to.

A Descriptive Price List. Liverpool, Moore & Eden, 1864. fcp. 4 to. 16 pages.

Price Catalogue. Belfast; Henry R. Victor. Sixth edition, 1864. fcp. 8 vo. 12 pages.

Descriptive Price Catalogue. Liverpool: Young & Stockall, post 4 to. Published monthly since June 1864. The last few months on larger paper.

Steinau Jones & Co's. (afterwards C. K. Jones & Co's. Price Current, Manchester. fcp. 8vo. Issued monthly since August 1864.

Descriptive Price Catalogue. Plymouth: E. Stanley Gibbons & Co. post 4to. Published since 1865.

C. & H. Gloy's Monthly Price List. Manchester: 8vo. Monthly since 1866.

Monthly Price List. Liverpool: J. & G. Yates: 8vo. Published in 1866-7

FRENCH.

Timbre Poste Catalogue. Paris: Laplande. 97 pages.

Guide Manuel du Collectionneur du Timbres-Poste. Paris: P. Mahe & Co., 1863. fcp. 8 vo. 18 pages.

Catalogue complet des Timbres-Poste. Paris: A. Maury 1865, fcp 8vo., 46 pages, interleaved. Printed on pink paper.

Catalogue de l'amateur de Timbres-Poste. Paris: E. Nicolas, 1865, fcp. 8vo. 72 pages.

GERMAN.

*Katalog * * * * Briefmarken.* Leipzig: Zschiesche & Koder, crown 8vo. cut down. Various editions dating from 1863.

*Ubersicht * * * * Franco-marken.* Breslau: Leopold Priebatsch. 16mo. Sept. 1863. 30 pages, on tissue paper at the low(?) price of 1 Th. = 60 cents.

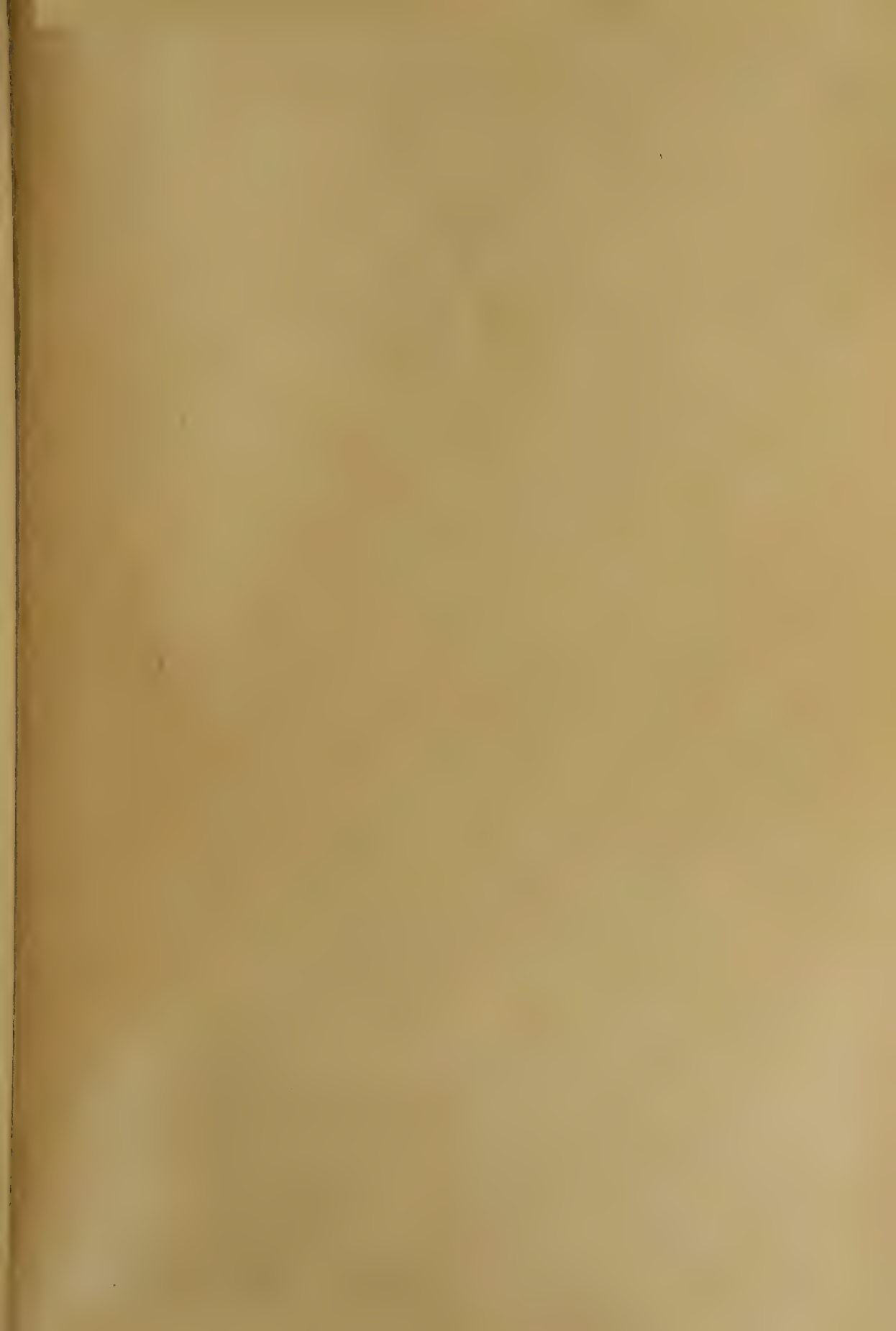
*Katalog * * * * Briefmarken.* Leipzig: Chr. Maun, junior, 16mo. 1864, 23 pages.

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Katalog nebst Peislste &c. Dresden: Ferd. Elb; square 16mo, 1864. 132 pages. A very complete list.

*Katalog * * * * Briefmarken.* Basel: Wilhelm Georg. 16mo, 1864, 100 pages.

Vollstandiger Katalog &c. Mannheim: A Thiele & Co. fcp. 4to, 1865, 25 pages.



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